



**LEGISLATURE SWIFT AND HOT**

The Forty-Eighth Legislature Assembly of Oregon will convene in regular session at the Capitol in Salem January 10.

It is destined to be a high-tempo affair.

This is assured by a statewide keen interest in the probability of a state property tax and/or other burdensome taxes, including a general sales tax with exemptions on foodstuffs.

The tax horror tension is not relieved by the fact that this legislature will have an unusually large number of members who lack legislative experience. In experience.

Only four of the 30 members of the Senate are without previous legislative experience. In the house only 26 of the 60 members will be serving their first terms.

The drop in income tax revenue and the immediate necessity for more buildings for state wards and students poses an enigma that is hot on both ends. The only answer seems to be drastic cuts in expenditures and more taxes.

Things get spastic whenever members get to voting "no" on appropriation bills for districts represented by other members.

Having observed 29 legislative sessions in Oregon we assume to predict a swift-moving but lengthy session with signal leadership.

**MAKING NEW LAWS**

Although taxes will be the theme song of the 1955 legislature a great number of other legislative acts have been proposed and have past the talking stage. Now written or outlined are bills—

- To raise income taxes.
- To increase the gasoline tax two cents.
- To call a constitutional convention.
- To create new milk laws.
- To reorganize the Tax Commission with one commissioner only.
- To compel use of luminous tape on rails of cars.
- To create an extra cheese week before Lent.
- To make parents pay support for children in State Training schools.
- To provide for state to rent cars for state use instead of buying and owning them.
- To change motor vehicle department from supervision of State to governor's office.

—To adjust payments of workers and employees for Unemployment compensation.

—To set up a new state department of Research and Planning for the Governor.

—To set up qualifications and standards for assessors and give greater authority to State Tax Commission.

—To establish minority rights in the two branches of the legislature so each political party would be entitled to chairmanships and patronage in proportion to number of members each party has.

—To pay bonuses to veterans of Korean war.

**M. Hinson Takes Recorder Post At Eagle Point**

By Mrs. Ada Bonebrake  
EAGLE POINT—Mrs. Minnie G. Hinson has been appointed by Mayor Don Ashpole to the post of City Recorder and Treasurer effective January 1. Sam Coy retired from the office but will remain as municipal judge.

Mrs. Hinson has served as Coy's assistant for one and one-half years.

**19 Year Service**

Coy has been a city employee

for 19 years. In 1936, he became water superintendent, working on the installation of the city's system connecting with Medford, and also as marshal and maintenance man. He has been recorder-treasurer for the last seven years. He first served Eagle Point as councilman in 1932.

The first 1955 city council meeting last week elected Ray Treshman unanimously as council president. Mayor Don Ashpole, who started his first elected term appointed the following: Minnie Hinson, recorder-treasurer; Sam Coy, municipal judge; Harold Ottosen, police chief; Dave Kahl, fire chief; Kent Blackhurst, city attorney; Oliver McNeel, building inspector; Dr. A. E. Merkel, health officer; Art Besow, civil defense.

**Committees Named**

Council committee appointments as the following chairmen: Jake Olsen, fire; A. C. Kent, water; Ray Barrow, streets; A. C. Kent, parks; Fred Arnes, garbage; Jake Olsen, police; Shy Callaghan, juvenile problems; Jake Olsen, Boy Scouts and Teenage; Mayor Ashpole, personnel.

City building permits reported were four \$6000 new residences constructed by Sandy Clare at 13 W. "F" street and 202, 204 and 206 W. "E" street. Ralph Keesler, 841 So. "C" street, \$500 erect flue and workshop and Ethel Leopard, 301 S. "B" street, \$100 enclose porch with glass.

**High School Annex**

The construction on the Eagle Point High annex is expected to be completed the last part of February, according to School Supt. Glenn D. Hale. The new annex will include four classrooms, library and upstairs stock room and spacious halls to in-

clude student lockers.

Two of the classrooms are adjoining and will be used for science.

Shop expansion includes enlarging the woodworking section and adding a metal shop. Workers of the Bessonette and Graff firm are getting the floor of the shop ready for installation.

**Second Addition**

The annex will be the second addition to the original high school which was constructed from Camp White buildings. The first addition included two classrooms. The original structure was made of three Camp White buildings on each side of a hall which was roofed together. The schools large gym was purchased from Camp White with the stage added later. Hale reported that the expansion is necessary to take care of the expanding enrollments in the school.

From 25 to 35 additional students are expected in the immediate future. The present enrollment is 250.

**Newlyweds**

We wish to congratulate Eugene Eccleston and Peggy Carnes on their marriage December 23, 1954, at the Eagle Point Community church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain and family spent the holidays with both their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chamberlain and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Cearley and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Cearley also entertained the company of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Adamson and family from Tacoma, Wash.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burrell of Lake Creek upon the sudden death of their son, Dwight

Miss Naomi Hilderbrand left at noon Sunday to reside in Los Angeles, Calif., and be a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Val Bubb, former residents of Eagle Point.

The Eagle Point Lions met Tuesday evening at the Teenage club for a lovely dinner to be served by their auxiliary. Plans for a March of Dimes promotion were discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Olsen spent the holidays with their daughter and family of Colfax, Wash.

Miss Patty Clove returned to her home Monday evening after an operation on her hand. She is reported as coming along fine.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woods on the arrival of a new daughter January 5.

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