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Time To Pay The Fiddler

With the message of Governor-elect Douglas McKay before the state legislature on Monday, there began a session of Oregon's governing body which will rank high in historical importance. In many ways, the problems that are awaiting solution will have an influence on the entire future of the state.

By the will of the people, there is a significant demand for new taxation. Without going into the pros and cons of the recently approved \$50 a month to old age pensioners, the ultimatum is inescapable that the electorate supports a liberalized pension schedule.

The science of mathematics is exact and one of its axioms is that a value must be subtracted from an equal value for a balanced equation.

Since the people have indicated an increase for pensioners, they have also set the stage for a raise in taxes, above and beyond the other aggravated legislative headaches.

Financial problems are serious, at the time, with many demands giving no alternative but the boosting of state taxes.

State and county roads will require more money. Because county road funds have dwindled so desperately, there is even some talk of passing county road building responsibilities on to the state. And here, the added cost would make even greater the burden of state highway taxation.

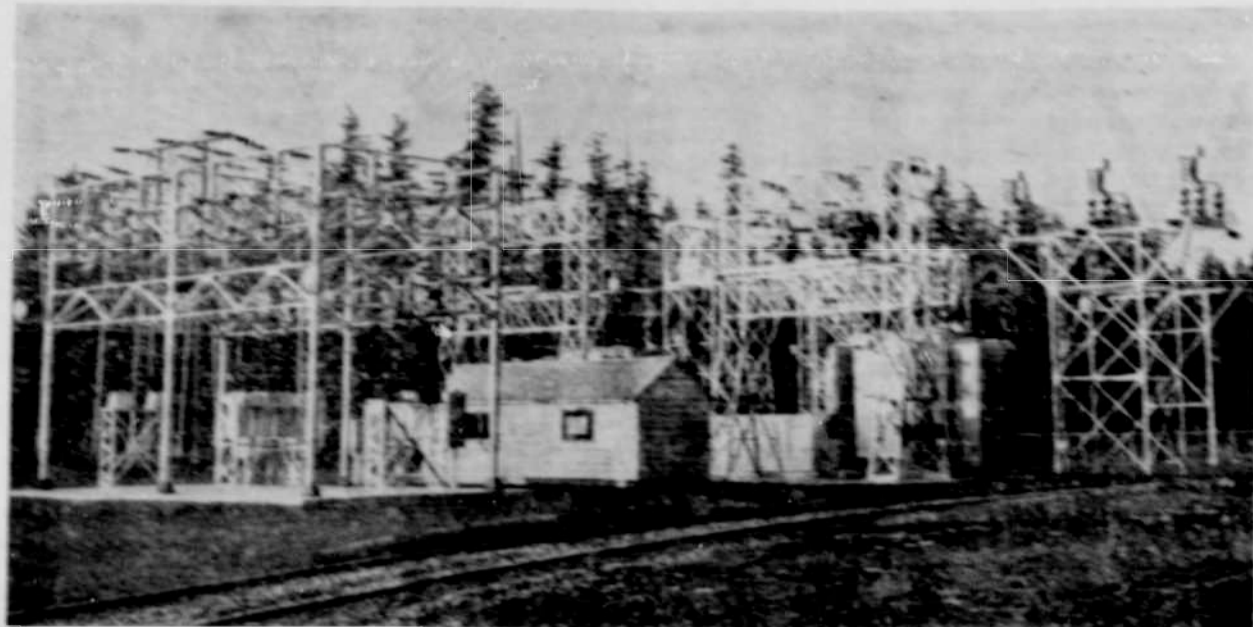
With recommendations by the state interim committee asking for an added 1c motor fuel tax and doubled vehicle registration fee to partly meet an estimated annual requirement of \$33,806,651 under a federally-aided 15 year program of state highway development, the problem may be recognized as acute. Added county demands will require an even heavier general taxation.

Education needs, which received a \$18 million fund in the last session, are steadily growing more imperative. Under the state's basic school support law, many parts of the state complain, more money is put into the state fund than is returned to its school systems under the practice of the money going, on a statewide basis, where there are more students.

It seems a safe bet that among other means advanced for the solution of the state's money problems will be a general sales tax. This measure has repeatedly met defeat at the polls but it is inevitable that continued effort will be made for its adoption. And there are other avenues which, doubtlessly, will be explored for revenue.

The advantages of government make a merry tune. But now comes the time to pay the fiddler.

New St. Mary's Substation In Operation



General view of the main installations of Portland General Electric company's St. Mary's substation near Beaverton. Energy from Bonneville Power Administration's 115,000 volt transmission line is transformed to lower voltages for sub-transmission and distribution throughout eastern Washington county. The \$365,000 substation is completely automatic in operation.

Dollars of 7500 Fail to Arrive For Xmas Seals

Christmas Seal revenue at present is about \$500 less than at the same point in the campaign last year, reports Mrs. Eola Morgan, executive secretary of the Washington County Tuberculosis and Health association.

Receipts to date total \$997.70. The figure last year during the same week of the campaign was \$1,100.64. The quota of funds to pay for association services is \$12,000 this year, which equals the quota set last year, the secretary added.

The association sent out 18,000 envelopes containing Christmas Seals to county residents. About 7500 persons to whom those envelopes were addressed have not been heard from, Mrs. Morgan pointed out.

The executive secretary emphasized that contributions are still being accepted.

"A dollar now does just as much good as it would have done before Christmas," Mrs. Morgan explained.

Christmas Seal income is the sole source of revenue for the association, she added. The association hopes to continue extension of the X-ray activities which reached 4624 persons in the county last year. Mrs. Morgan said, but may be forced to curtail operations if the quota isn't reached. The mobile X-ray unit costs the association \$135 each day it is being used in the county she pointed out.

Applications for the mobile unit facility in 1949 have already been received from Aloha-Huber and Tualatin. Mrs. Morgan said. The sponsoring group in the Aloha-Huber area is the Aloha Grange while the Parent-Teachers association will handle the arrangements for the unit in Tualatin.

Of those 4624 persons X-rayed last year, 4689 showed negative results. A positive or questionable diagnosis was given to 117 persons while the X-rays brought other afflictions to light in 18 other cases. Of those 117 persons, most of them have had larger X-rays taken to determine whether or not active tuberculosis is present, Mrs. Morgan said.

The unit last year X-rayed 3279 persons in its stay in the county from September 28-October 11, she reported, while 1220 additional persons were handled from December 6-10, when the unit returned to Forest Grove and Pacific University.

Cannery Local Installs Execs., Officers for '49

At a well attended meeting, conducted in the Moose Hall in Hillsboro January 3rd, Teamster Cannery Local 634 installed its 1949 Executive Board and Officers.

With Secretary Earl Edsall of Teamster Cannery Local No. 681 and member of the Executive Board of Joint Council No. 37 of Portland, administering the Oath, the following officers were installed: President, Joe Willy of

Terminal Ice & Cold Storage Co.; Vice-President, John Gehrts of Hudson-Duncan Co.; Recording Secretary, Varie Dean of Birds-Eye-Snyder Co.; Trustee, Loren Cawse of Hudson-Duncan Co.; Trustee, Charles Wasson of Birds-Eye-Snyder Co.; Trustee, Elmer Blits of Terminal Ice & Cold Storage Co.; Heubert McCullough, Business Agent and Bob Melquist, Secretary-Treasurer, both of Hillsboro.

Secretary Melquist states that 3 films of special interest to all cannery employees will be shown at the next meeting of the Local in the Moose Hall January 17th.

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SHERIFF SHAKEUP

The entire county of Multnomah and, in fact, most of Oregon has been somewhat exercised over the revelations that the newly elected sheriff squeezed into his position by what has been generally labeled as an exaggeration of fact. But whether by fiction or otherwise, a new sheriff is an accepted fact. And effects of the shakedown which marks his incumbency have already been felt in Gresham.

According to an account in the OUTLOOK, the new regime is emphasized locally by the appearance of a new face at the office of precinct no. 1.

There is an overtone of campaign allegations which sound faintly as the new man, transferred from the night relief shift at the main office, in Portland, assumes his new status. Duping the heated campaign when the defeated sheriff verbally jostled with the sheriff-elect, the charge was made that the Gresham man was working for the election of the winning candidate, in violation of rules.

But it all ends on a happy note of harmony, with a vigorous note of changes to improve the sheriff's relations to the job at hand.

TRUCK RUNS BERSERK

In the machine age, it is only now and then that one of the scientifically harnessed bundles of nuts and bolts really goes off its nut and runs berserk. So was the occasion, the other day, in Oregon City in the matter of a parked 1949 model pickup truck.

As related by the BANNER COURIER, the truck went on a rampage when the woman passenger, wanting to start the heater fan, inadvertently stepped on the starter switch.

Like a demon beset, the truck roared to life. The woman grabbed blindly for the steering wheel. She managed to swing the vehicle onto the street. But the truck would not heed her prayerful efforts. Like an arrow, it continued with accelerating power until it rammed full tilt into the door of a locked garage.

The impact smashed in the front of the truck as the machine roared through the thin garage doors and whammed into a car which had been parked inside. It ended its imperious flight the truck had pushed the car parked in the garage through to the far end and damaged it badly.

DOG'S LIFE IMPROVES

A dog's life has been widely regarded as about the shoddiest mark of social status and a mighty uncomfortable deal, any way you figure it. But from St. Helens, there comes an item which remarks an entirely modern slant.

It seems Jells the SENTINEL happened outdoors on a windy wintry eve and noticed his pet pooch in the grip of a frantic shiver. Though the man had specially designed and built a dog-house, he seemed to have overlooked an item of canine comfort—heat.

So, without more ado, the electrician broke out his wire twisters and other gadgets and proceeded to solve the case of the miserable hound. Now, basking in the sheafest of comfort, the pet pooch can cast an appreciative eye at his electrical heating equipment and no longer dread the long, cold hours of winter night.

And come summer, says current rumors, the dog house may have a small air-conditioning unit installed.

ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

That there is always something new in this ever changing world is highlighted by an incident at Forest Grove, reported after one recent snow and cold spell.

The story is told in the NEWS TIMES that a seven year girl and her grandmother had labored most of one day in building a snowman in the front yard. A work of inspired craftsmanship, the man of ice and snow pretty much dominated the scene.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AD Bright and early, next morning, the little girl romped outside to see how Mr. Snowman had weathered the night. To her indignation consternation and surprise, the gentleman had vanished without a trace, practically, and not because of an upturn in temperature.

Tracks in the snow indicated that someone, during the night, had backed a truck into the yard and made off with the work of laborious art.

The little girl says she would like to throw snowballs at the dastardly culprit, if she could find him!

BLDG. PERMITS SLUMP

Having already set a new annual building record of over \$1 million, Hillsboro building permits in December tripped up and fell to a low of \$11,700 which brought the total for the full year at \$1,987,881.

According to figures noted by the ARGUS, in 1947 building permits totaled \$1,864,491—first time more than a million dollars in permits had ever been issued, there.

DURCO GILT SALES

The Annual Business meeting and Election of the N. W. Durco Breeders Assn., Incorporated was held in the Portland Chamber of Commerce Rooms on Dec. 28, 1948. A large group of members and friends attended.

St. Cecilia Club Plans Jan. 17th Party for Bingo

Members of the St. Cecilia C. Y. O. of Beaverton met at the home of Donald Nelson, Wednesday, January 5th, for election of 1949 officers.

The following members were chosen: President, Joe Rigert; Vice President, Pat Ledwith; Secretary, Shirley Williams; Treasurer, Pat Rigert and Sergeant-at-arms, Johnny Henock.

Committees were appointed to discuss January's social. Don Nelson, chairman of one committee is to look into ice skating. Bob Holland is to look into a Bingo party.

Bob's committee has already brought results, for the Bingo party will be held Monday January 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Cake and coffee will be served all who attend.



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