

Cities Seek Fairer Share Tax Revenues; Cue Given Voters

League Meet Asks Aid from Liquor, Gas Tax Receipts

Though an apathetic interest in the coming May 20 primary election seems to pervade the local electorate, judged by the small crop of local candidates and the little stir toward registration, there are some important governmental matters that need consideration, according to at least one agency working for better government—the League of Oregon Cities. And the cue sent out by this organization might be taken to heart by those qualified citizens who have not got in good standing on the registration books, before it is too late. Next Tuesday is the last day for registration.

League of Oregon Cities cue emanated from a meeting at Pendleton yesterday when a group of city representatives all the way from Bend to Milton-Freewater passed two resolutions looking to a redistribution of state tax revenues to obtain what they considered a fairer share for local governmental purposes and to provide relief from the heavy local property tax burden.

A bearing on the coming primary election was indicated when Mayor Kuhn of Salem, league president, said that members of the state legislature should be contacted before and not after they reach Salem to determine their stand on matters of public interest.

One league resolution asked for return of 10 percent to cities of the state's net profit from liquor sales, in addition to license fees and share of beer tax. The other asked for a share of the gas tax.

The liquor tax resolution based its claim on a number of allegations, including: (1) Liquor revenues were originally recognized as belonging to cities; (2) City law enforcement expenses have been greatly increased by liquor traffic; (3) License fees originally provided by the Knox liquor law to be retained by cities have been diverted elsewhere.

Sponsors of the league resolution declared that the state liquor control commission is the only state governmental agency that is not compelled to work under a budget, and it was recommended that it be placed under the same provisions in this respect as every other governmental agency.

Denying that giving cities a share of the gas tax would be a "diversion of road funds" as argued by opponents in defeating the last attempt to gain legislative recognition for their claim, the league sponsors declared that much street construction and maintenance is forced upon cities to accommodate motor traffic that burns much of the gasoline, and that therefore giving the cities an equitable share of the tax money is but a fair distribution of the receipts.

Herman Kehrl, the league's secretary, cited practices in other states of sharing state tax revenues with various governmental subdivisions as being the means of lightening the property tax burden for local governmental purposes. Counties, cities and school districts in Oregon are forced to levy heavily upon property because they do not share in state tax revenues as they should. This maladjustment in distribution contrives to permit state governmental activities to expand rapidly while local governmental functions are unduly curtailed, he declared.

What local governmental agencies are facing is indicated by the position of cities, Kehrl said, citing that in the last twenty years with total assessed valuations of cities about the same as at the beginning of the period, at \$400 million, the average millage rate on property for city purposes has increased from 10 mills to 20 mills, or doubled.

P. W. Mahoney, local council chairman, and Mayor Tom Barnett of Lexington attended the meeting from this county.

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FFA Mitmen Go to Boardman Tomorrow

The mit club of the Heppner chapter of F. F. A. will journey to Boardman next Friday night to engage the glove tossers of that city in the final bouts of this fistic season. The Boardman lads will be out to avenge an early season defeat handed them by the Heppner boys last December in the ring of the local gym.

All the matches have not been completely arranged to date. Howard Patton is undergoing vigorous training prior to his battle with Tannehill whom he fought to a draw here three months ago. Other boys who are eager to don the gloves for the Heppner outfit are the following: Johnny Hays, Dean Gilman, Floyd Williams, Fufus Hill, Leland Edmondson, Alan Gibb, Clayton Wright and Dick Wilkinson.

If the local lads succeed in winning the majority of bouts from Boardman, they will have completed a most successful season. They were undefeated all last year, and this season they have won all their interschool contests, except for one with Condon, which resulted in a draw.

KOAC Leads Nation in Market News Program

The most complete agricultural market news broadcast schedule in the entire United States is available to Oregon listeners over the state-owned station KOAC, according to a report just issued by the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture.

A survey of the programs of 587 radio stations in the United States shows that KOAC gives the most complete diversification of daily spot market quotations, as well as one of the widest ranges of weekly reviews, one or more of which is broadcast daily.

The source of the KOAC market reports is material obtained over the government's market news leased wire, which comes directly to Corvallis, and is prepared for broadcasting in the office of L. R. Breithaupt, agricultural economist of the extension service. This leased wire brings quotations from New York, Chicago, Omaha, Los Angeles and Seattle markets, as well as seasonal reports from other points.

IONE NEWS

Special Easter Services at Ione

By MARGARET BLAKE

Easter Sunday will be observed with a special program during the Sunday school hour at the Baptist church. At 11:15 Rev. Carls, superintendent of Congregational churches in Oregon, will preach an Easter sermon. The Union Sunday school invites the public to attend these services.

Mrs. William Bergstrom and son Rudolph of Portland spent the week end with Mr. Bergstrom at the Eric Bergstrom farm.

Charles McElligott spent last week with his family in Portland.

Relatives have received word that Mrs. Ida Moore, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Wrex Hickok, in Portland, had the misfortune to break a leg above the knee. She is in a Portland hospital.

Mrs. O. Bergstrom and sons, Donald, Wayne and Billy, are spending Easter vacation at the Eric Bergstrom farm from their home in Portland.

Mrs. Morrow, who cares for Mrs. Ida Peterson, visited at her home in Hood River last week.

Mrs. J. C. Callandra and son Donald have been visitors at the home of Mrs. Ida Fletcher. Mrs. Callandra returned to Portland Friday leaving Donald for a longer visit.

Mrs. George Allyn of Lexington visited at the home of her son, Carl Allyn, Snuday.

Joe Engelman returned Sunday from a weeks trip to Portland.

Erling Thompson was a Portland visitor during the vacation in the school last week. He was accompanied by Miss Jane Huston and Mrs. Clarence Brenner and son Leroy.

The Women's Union Missionary society of Ione held its April meeting in the parlor of the Congrega-

tional church last Thursday afternoon. "What is happening to Christianity in Japan today" was the subject of the afternoon's study. Hostesses were Mrs. E. J. Keller, Mrs. Minnie Forbes, Mrs. T. E. Grabbill and Mrs. Rosie Van Horn. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Thirteen members were present.

Arthur Bergstrom is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom, during his vacation from Reed college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson of Eight Mile were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allyn.

Mrs. Mary Burt and daughter Betty of Portland are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin and

children spent a part of last week in Portland. They went down on Monday and returned Thursday.

Mrs. Victor Peterson and sons, Johnny and Allen, of Heppner were at the homes of Mrs. Ida Peterson and Mrs. Margaret Rietmann last week.

Mrs. Minnie Metoker returned to her home at Portland last Saturday night. She has been employed at the home of Mrs. Lana Padberg.

Rev. Ralph Hinkle conducted services at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Bobby Cason of Portland is spending his spring vacation at the farm home of Mrs. Lana Padberg. He arrived Saturday morning.

Gwendolen and Catherine Jones and Richard Bolam of Portland were

week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blake.

Jesse Dobyns is visiting his brothers, Walter and Noel, at their farm.

Aunt Tillie Goes to Town" is the title of the side-splitting three-act comedy which the juniors and seniors will present at the school gym next Friday evening, April 15, at 8 p. m. The following cast is announced: Lucinda Talbot, Jane Huston; Aunt Tillie Talbot, Bernice Ring; Mervin Tucker, Norman Bergstrom; Ronald Howland, Harry Ring; Lizzie Parsons, Helen Lundell; Pamela Marsh, Ruth Crawford; Luther Larimer, Alfred Tmert; Ellen Nuland, Lola Cannon; Charlie One Lung, Douglas Renoe; Mrs. Tillie Tucker, Katharine Giffith; Dr. Hattie Bing, Helen Lindsay.

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