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Salem. — The State Emergency Board meeting here Friday turned thumbs down on a request for an appropriation of \$15,000 for use by the Industrial Development Commission of Oregon in the employment of expert aid in a study of state and local governmental problems.

The request for the appropriation was presented by David Eccles, state budget director and chairman of the 18-man commission, and was supported by Robert Farrell, Jr., member of the emergency board as well as member of the commission which was created by the last legislature under the terms of a resolution sponsored by Farrell.

In voting against the appropriation Dean Walker, senate president, explained that he did not consider the request as covering an emergency board which could not have been presented before the last legislature. Voting with Walker against the appropriation were Senator Ronald Jones of Marion and Representative Angus Gibson of Lane. Voting for the appropriation were Representatives Farrell and C. C. Bradley of Portland and Harry Boivin of Klamath and Senator Howard Belton of Clackamas. Five votes are necessary to approve an emergency appropriation.

The board gave its approval to the use of national guard funds in financing the work of the civilian defense council and for the extension of the state police organization. A maximum of \$25,000 for the biennium was placed on expenditures for the civilian defense commission while additional funds for the state police were fixed at a maximum of \$30,000 a year. Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of state police, told the

board that policing of defense areas in the state would require the addition of from seven to 10 men to his present force.

The unemployment compensation fund passed the "ceiling" of \$14,373,511 on September 30 when more than \$297,000 in employer contributions were poured into the commission's offices. This means that penalty rates ranging as high as four percent being paid by hundreds of Oregon firms under the terms of the new experience rating will be abolished and a maximum rate of 2.7 percent established until such time as the fund drops below the "ceiling" figure. There will be no change in premium rates being paid by other employers with more favorable employment experiences. Reflecting the improvement in the labor situation in Oregon due principally to the defense boom records of the commission account for employer contributions so far this year totalling more than \$6,000,000 while only a little more than \$2,000,000 have been paid out to employees because of time lost between jobs.

The first consignment of Oregon's 1942 license plates reached the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office this week. The new plates which will be distributed to early applicants beginning about December 15 are blue with white lettering and numerals. Already several thousand motorists have sent in their applications for low numbers and the annual drawing for these will take place early in November, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Warden George Alexander of the state penitentiary indicates that his "boys" are just as patriotic as any citizens on the outside. Scores of prisoners are investing their savings in defense bonds, according to Alexander, one inmate buying a \$1000 bond on the day the bonds were first offered to the public.

The Multnomah county tax muddle is of state-wide interest as involving a test of the authority over county assessments vested in the state tax commission.

When the tax commission some two months ago handed down its

now famous opinion precipitating the row over assessments in that county it did so under authority of the legislative act which presumes to give the state commission this authority. In that opinion and order the tax commission held the "variable ratio" system of assessments being followed by the Multnomah county assessor to be in violation of the constitutional and statutory requirements for equal and ratable assessments. At the same time it directed the Multnomah county assessor to bring his assessments up to a uniform basis.

In following out the terms of this order the assessor increased the valuations of residential property in the city of Portland while at the same time reducing valuations on some business properties.

The Multnomah county equalization board stepped in with an order in which the assessor was directed to ignore the tax commission and re-write the tax roll on the old basis.

In its latest order, issued this week, the tax commission holds that the Multnomah county board of equalization acted entirely without authority but authorized the Multnomah assessor to reduce the 1941 assessments on residential improvements by 25 percent and that of business improvements by 10 percent. While this latest order represents a compromise over the commission's original order the commission still insists that the law requires uniformity of assessments and that the Multnomah county assessor must conform to this requirement as soon as he can make the necessary reappraisal of properties in his county.

Inasmuch as the county equalization board has again instructed the assessor to ignore the commission's order it is entirely probable that the argument will find its way into the courts for a final interpretation of the law.

Mrs. Harold D. Peterson of Dallas has accepted appointment by Governor Sprague to a position heading up the women's participation in the state's civilian defense program.

The high cost of labor and materials may necessitate a halt in the state's building program for the time being. The board of control this week found it necessary to reject all bids for a physician's cottage at the tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles when the lowest bid was found to be nearly double the estimated cost of the building. Plans are being prepared for building at other state institutions including a \$320,000 treatment hospital at the state hospital for mentally ill at Salem.

The 1941-42 edition of Oregon's Blue Book is just off the press. Its 351 pages—the largest ever—are crammed full of valuable information concerning the state and its various activities. Copies are supplied free to state officials, schools, libraries and newspapers and are available to the general public at 25 cents each. The state employment service reports an increasing demand for skilled workers, especially for jobs in defense industries. Clerical workers and office help are also in great demand.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, administratrix of the estate of Harry M. Archer, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned administratrix with proper vouchers, at the law office of Jos. J. Nys, at Hepner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 9th day of October, 1941.

LETHA ARCHER, Administratrix.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PERRY TAYLOR, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Perry Taylor, deceased, has filed

his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow, and that Monday, the 27th day of October, A. D. 1941, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and in the Court Room of said Court, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, and for settlement thereof.

Dated and first published this 25th day of September, A. D. 1941. Date of last publication October 23, 1941.

OTTO RIETMANN, Administrator with the will annexed, Estate of Perry Taylor, Deceased.

### CALL FOR WARRANTS

Outstanding warrants of School District No. One, Morrow County, Oregon, numbered 6885 to 7180 inclusive, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants ceases October 10, 1941.

EVELYN ISOM, Clerk, Hepner, Oregon.

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County this 9th day of October, 1941, upon and pursuant to a decree duly given and made by said Court this 4th day of October, 1941, in a suit pending therein in which the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, was plaintiff and Michael K. Flickinger, a widower; George Shane; and West Extension National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, were defendants, which execution and order of sale was to me directed and commanded me to sell the real property hereinafter described to satisfy certain liens and charges in said decree specified, I will on Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1941, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the front door of the County Court House in Hepner, Morrow County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in said suit and of all parties claiming by, through or under them or any of them since the 10th day of March, 1923, in or to the following described real property, to-wit:

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Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated this 9th day of October, 1941.

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