

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- 'Expert' Turn-Down
- Claims Denial
- Primary Mistake

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Salem.—At its meeting here Saturday the state emergency board turned down a request for \$15,000 with which to finance an "expert" investigation into Oregon's tax system. This was the second time this interim legislature has turned thumbs down on such a request.

In expressing his opposition to the proposal Dean Walker, president of the state senate, pointed out that in the past 20 years the state had financed a number of such investigations only to have the findings and recommendations which they produced consigned to the legislative waste basket. Senators Ronald Jones of Marion county and Howard Bolton of Clackamas joined with Walker in voting against the appropriation. House Speaker Robert S. Farrell, Jr., and Representatives Harry Boivin of Klamath county and C. C. Bradley of Multnomah county, supported the proposal.

The board in a three-hour long session, gave its official approval to deficiency appropriations aggregating \$50,260.40. Of this amount \$28,760 is to come out of the \$100,000 emergency fund set aside by the last legislature and \$21,500 is to be transferred from the national guard appropriation to the civilian defense bureau and the state police.

A total of \$30,000 was appropriated for the civilian defense bureau to cover salaries, wages and general operating and maintenance expense. Next largest item was an appropriation of \$7500 for the newly organized state guard. The boys' training school was granted a deficiency appropriation of \$4000 to carry it along until the legislature meets in January and \$3000 was granted to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society to meet the increased cost of boarding out the youthful wards of this state-aided

private organization.

Hundreds of seasonal workers who filed claims but were denied unemployment benefits from 1938 to 1941 are having their claims reconsidered by the Unemployment Compensation commission now as a result of the supreme court decision in the Layman case. Already more than \$30,000 in back benefits has been paid to workmen directly affected by this decision and a review of the payroll records of more than 800 additional employers declared seasonal in the four-year period is well under way, the commission has announced.

Oregon's industrial payroll continues to grow by leaps and bounds, according to records of the state industrial accident commission. Industrial payrolls in this state for the first four months of this year totalled \$88,055,034 compared to \$60,377,655 for the same period in 1941, the commission's records show. The April payroll alone totalled \$22,731,503 compared to \$16,300,004 for April, 1941.

Oregon has "gone over the top" again with more than 31,000 tons of scrap iron and steel sent into war production activities, according to Claude I. Sersanous, chairman of the state salvage committee. All of Oregon's 36 counties are now organized with more than 1500 committee members actively engaged in the drive to salvage scrap material needed in the war effort.

Fifty-five Oregon motorists were arrested for drunken driving during April, it was reported by Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of state police. A total of 1215 motorists were arrested for traffic law violations during the month, Pray's report shows.

Veteran political observers are pretty generally agreed that one of the most disastrous upsets of the recent primary election was the defeat of Ronald C. Jones, veteran state senator from Marion county, in his try for the republican nomination for another term in the upper house of the legislature.

Senator Jones was a victim of hysteria. Words spoken by the sen-

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ator in defense of Japanese gardeners in his employ were distorted and magnified by his opponents to his undoing.

An indefatigable worker Jones was on the job as a lawmaker early and late, giving unstintingly of his time in the service of the state. As a member of the powerful ways and means committee he was aligned with the economy bloc which stood steadfastly against repeated raids on the treasury by pressure groups. His defeat coupled with voluntary retirement of George Dunn of Ashland, creates two vacancies on that committee which the next president of the senate is going to find it hard to fill.

Gasoline and tire rationing are going to affect the travel of public officials as well as private individuals. State officials and employees who have been wont to hop in a car and drive a few hundred miles on official business on the slightest pretext are henceforth going to have, to depend more on the mail and the telephone. The board of control in turning thumbs down this week on a request for an increase in the mileage allowance for private cars engaged in state business also ordered a substantial reduction in intrastate travel in the interest of gasoline and rubber conservation. "It's high time the state was curtailing some of its super service," is the way Governor Sprague put it.

In spite of tire and gasoline rationing there are more automobiles in Oregon today than there were a year ago. Motor vehicle registrations at the end of April totalled 388,039 compared to 381,150 for the same period a year ago, according to Secretary of State Snell. Registration fees collected for the first four months of this year totalled \$2,743,267.40, Snell said.

The state board of control has accepted the city of Baker's gift of a \$40,000 natatorium for use as a national guard armory. Minor repairs will be made to the building immediately but remodeling of the structure will be deferred until after the war.

The Oregon school system is all set for the registration of motorists for gasoline rationing which starts today (Thursday). According to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, registration in all first class districts will be held in the elementary schools. In the second and third class districts the registration will be held either in the school houses or in some other place to be designated by the local school board. This arrangement was made necessary by the fact that many country schools are already closed for the summer.

Ninety-one drunken drivers had their operators' licenses revoked during March, according to Secretary of State Snell. Thirty licenses were suspended for reckless driving and five others for violation of the basic speed rule.

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Oregon State College.—Morrow county is represented by five students among the 751 receiving degrees at the seventy-third annual commencement Saturday, May 30. Of this total, three are from Heppner.

The five are James Joseph Farley, BS in agriculture; Louis Leonard Gilliam, BS in forestry, and Miriam Sue Moyer, BS in home economics, from Heppner; Clinton Kenneth Peck, BS in forestry, and August Henry Rauch, BS in forestry, both of Lexington.

The graduating class this year is one of the largest in the history of the college and includes 101 receiving graduate degrees and 650 the baccalaureate degrees of either bachelor of science or bachelor of arts. Of those completing graduate work, six have earned doctor of philosophy degrees, three master of forestry, three master of arts, ten master of education, and 79 master of science degrees in the various schools.

Military service, war industries and other forms of employment will take every available man and woman in the class immediately following commencement. The 142 completing advanced R.O.T.C. work for reserve commissions will be subject to immediate call as officers in active army service. Many others are enlisted in other branches of the service, to report for duty after getting their degrees.

URGE OWN HONEY CONTAINERS

The current wartime practice of supplying your own containers for many commodities is being encouraged for honey purchasers in beekeeping areas, says H. A. Scullen, specialist in beekeeping at Oregon State college. Most persons have a few buckets or jars which can be filled directly from the extracted honey tank, thereby conserving all of the containers possible for the honey that has to be shipped, says Scullen. With the shortage of sugar, every pound of honey produced is expected to be in demand this year.

RUTH GREEN HONORED

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 28.—Ruth Green of Heppner was last week appointed to membership in the Oregon federation committee, it was announced here by Don Walker, chairman. The Oregon federation is a student organization designed to publicize the university through state-wide tours, speeches and motion pictures. Climaxing the summer program is the annual picnic held each year at Jantzen Beach park in Portland.

Mrs. William H. Ellis left last Friday for a few weeks visit with relatives in Seattle and Bellingham, Wash. Miss Alice Bennett of Willows accompanied Mrs. Ellis to Seattle. Mrs. Ellis' brother, who is with the U. S. Marine corps, now in Bremerton, is the fiancée of Miss Bennett.

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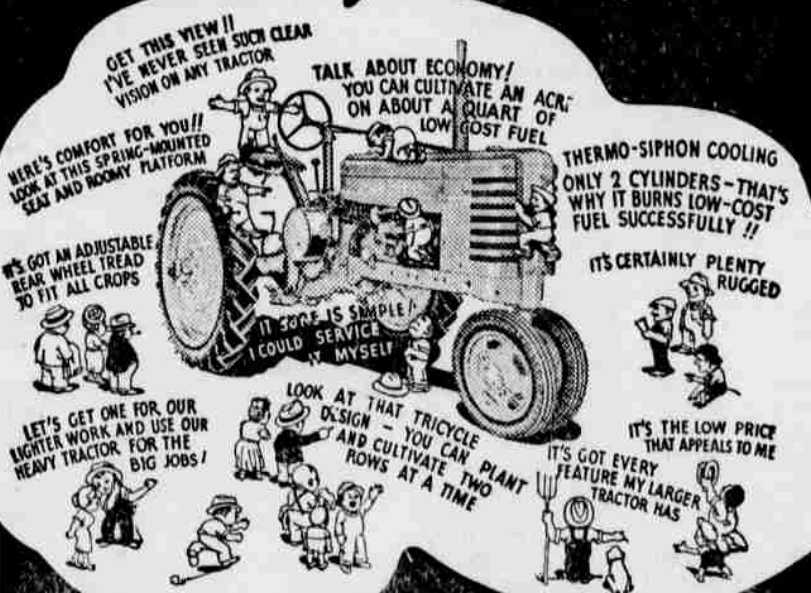
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