



SALARY BOOSTS

Bills raising the salaries of 13 top officials have been passed by the house and sent to the senate. The bills would boost the annual salary of the governor from \$7500 to \$9000, the salaries of the secretary of state and the state treasurer from \$5400 to \$6000, the attorney general from \$5000 to \$5750, the seven justices of the supreme court from \$7500 to \$8,000, the labor commissioner from \$4000 to \$5000, the superintendent of public instruction from \$4200 to \$4800 and the deputy secretary of state from \$4200 to \$4800. None of the officials asked for a raise. Some of the salaries will be as large as that of General Eisenhower, who gets \$8000, one house member stated. All increases will total less than \$10,000 a year.

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

The senate's six man interim committee tax act on confirmation of appointments made by the governor during the 22 months interval between legislative adjournment and the opening of the 1947 legislature has been elected by that body. The members elected are: Senators W. H. Strayer, Baker; Earl T. Newbry, Ashland; Angus Gibson, Junction City; H. C. Wheeler, Goshen; Dean Walker, Independence; William E. Walsh, Marshfield. Senator Strayer is the only democrat on the committee.

LIQUOR FUMES

Governor Earl Snell has signed a bill appropriating \$25,000 for a liquor control commission investigation. The money will come out of liquor profits and not out of the general fund. It is generally conceded here at legislature that the investigation will reveal that the commission was warranted in making the distillery deal in following out the conditions demanded by the law that the type and quantity of liquor demanded be secured in order to head off black market activities and secure profits for old age assistance. The deal under investigation will yield profits of \$4,500,000.

Comment of one august senator on the liquor investigation: "I was a member when the Oregon Liquor Control commission was created. Since the senators have voted \$25,000 for an investigation of the commission they should investigate the sanity of the members who put the state in the liquor business."

TAXES AND EDUCATION

In urging attendance at the public hearing on educational and school tax measures Governor Earl Snell made clear and emphasized his policies relating to schools and taxes, saying, "Our schools and our teachers are charged with responsibility of training the youth of our state, boys and girls of today but men and women of tomorrow, who will be occupying places of responsibility in the social, economic and political affairs of our state and nation. The necessity for adequate state support, equalization, adequate teacher compensation and retirement is obvious to all, I am sure."

"I endorse the plan of additional funds for state support from the income tax surplus and I believe equalization measures to be important and necessary. I go a step further also in believing that a sound, stable, long-range program of adequate support of schools is imperative. . . Provisions should be made for emergency relief."

CAPITAL SHORTS

The state's absentee soldier ballot was used at a ratio of 11 to 1 over the federal ballot by soldier-citizens in the November election the state elections department has just announced. The total number of state ballots used and returned to be counted in Oregon was heavier than contemplated by 20 percent, the total, 30,336. The total of the federal ballots was only 2618.

New Flower Shop Proves Popular

Last week Mrs. Edwin Dick announced she would have cut flowers on sale for Valentine trade. She had made arrangements with a Portland green house to handle flowers on a limited basis pending maturity of plants in her own garden. She found it necessary to get a downtown location, which she found in the front of the Red Cross sewing room, and where she sold out every last posie by Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Dick plans to have the cut flowers on sale every Saturday at the Red Cross room and will make an effort to provide service for special occasions. She is announcing corsages for the Elks annual ball scheduled this year for Feb. 24.

LIKES COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

Mr. Albert Bailey, a newcomer from Florida, is greatly impressed with the Columbia highway. With her mother-in-law, Mrs. N. D. Bailey, she left Sunday to visit in Portland and Kelso, Wash. Mr. Bailey took them to Arlington where they boarded a bus for Portland. The constantly changing vista along the river thrilled the young woman from the deep south and she is rapidly becoming a booster for Oregon and the northwest.

VISITING DAUGHTER

C. N. Miller of Salem is visiting

her daughter, Mrs. C. N. Jones. He makes his home in Salem and accompanied Mrs. Don Jones when she came last week for a visit with relative.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

Mrs. G. A. Sanders is in Portland this week on business. She expects to return to Heppner Saturday.

HOME FROM SEATTLE

Mrs. Agnes Curran returned Tuesday from Seattle and Portland where she spent the past week on a buying expedition.

CALLED TO SEATTLE

Mrs. Pat McIntyre was called to Seattle the first of the week by the serious illness of a sister.

VISITING IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney were expected to return to Heppner tomorrow Monday with P. W. Mahoney's refinished car.

Portland. With their son Bob they drove to the city Sunday, Bob re-

turing Monday with P. W. Mahoney's refinished car.

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