



STRIKE HITS INCOME TAX
The lumber strike has thrown total returns of income tax revenues, for the fiscal year ending June 30, far below the estimated \$55,000,000.

The latest tabulation, made June 15, showed \$521 million for the first ten months of the fiscal year. This was about \$4 million less than in the comparable period a year ago, according to Ray Smith, state tax commissioner in charge of income taxes. The tabulation also showed income tax collections of \$38,246,597, a decrease of one million dollars from last year. Corporation tax payments of \$13,903,422, was down three million dollars.

While personal and corporate tax revenues both fell off this year, the number of returns filed was an all-time record with 438,361 returns.

ANCIENT STATE HOVELS PASS
Work of razing three old ward buildings at the Oregon state hospital, dating back to 1883, 1892 and 1917 respectively, began last week to make way for a modern designed institutional building of five stories with a capacity for 670 beds. The cost of construction and equipment will be over one million dollars.

Dr. C. E. Bates, superintendent, says the present population of the hospital is slightly over 2600 and is increasing at the rate of



COUNTY 4-H CLUB members who took part in the annual candle-lighting services held Sunday night at Gill Coliseum at Oregon State College during the 4-H summer school at Corvallis, are, left to right, Carla Hill and Edna Grimm, both of Irrigon and Jean Graham of Heppner. The 4-H members to take part in the ceremony are chosen by the county agents.

100 a year. He calls attention to the fact that it will take two years to complete the new building. If the present increase of 100 patients a year continues, Dr. Bates says, the housing at the hospital will be at a saturation point in 1956. The long-delayed new building is really nothing more than a replacement project.

OREGON'S NAVY
A one-vessel ocean-going navy has been added to the Oregon State Police department. The 38-foot vessel is now in

service on the coast to enforce commercial fishing laws, which is done by the state police for the State Fish and Game commission.

The little boat has a three-man crew, including two former coast guardsmen, and a diesel mechanic. The state police also have a much smaller boat to patrol the Columbia river, but it can't go to sea.

BABY BOOM BUSTS
Only 144 tons of infants were born within this state last year, which leads the editor of the Ore-

gon State Board of Health Bulletin to comment that Oregon's post war "baby boom" is finally slowing down. But that is still a lot of weight to be slung across the maternal shoulder for an after-bottle burp every four hours.

The "baby boom" began in 1946 when 29,566 infants were born for a rate of 21.9 per 1000. The following year the total jumped to 36,190 and a rate of 25.4.

The death rate of Oregon also showed a decrease last year when 14,536 deaths were reported for

a rate of 8.9 per 1000, compared to a rate of 9.00 in 1952.

WANTES HIGHER GAS RATES

The Portland Gas and Coke company's application for increased rates for both residential and commercial services was suspended this week by Charles H. Hetzel, public utilities commissioner, until July 12 when a hearing will be held. The new tariff asked for covers service in Portland and surrounding territory, including Salem.

BAR TRADE COSTING STATE

The sale of liquor by the drink in Oregon is increasing at the rate of 28 per cent a year. Officials of the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission report that one-fifth of all liquor they sell now goes to this bar trade. It is costing more, however, to cater to this trade than selling through state liquor stores as most of the bar trade buy short—a bottle of this, and a bottle of that, with three or four each of various brands. OLCCL officials gave these added costs as the principal reason for building a \$1,105,984 liquor warehouse in Portland.

SILAGE GAS DANGEROUS

County agents are warning farmers about the accumulation of carbon dioxide gas formed in the silos. One Polk county farmer suffered serious injuries resulting from a fall from the top of a silo after opening a trap door and being rendered unconscious.

ALLENS TO MOVE

This week Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and family will move to Estacade, Oregon where he will teach in the school there. He has been the F. F. A. instructor in the Heppner schools for the past several years.

Monument News

(Too Late for Last Week.)
Fred Shank was attending to matters of business in John Day on Thursday.

Glenn Parson, Kenneth Keeling and Jim Smith of Heppner, spent Tuesday working in this area in the interest of the Heppner Lumber company. They were assisted by Lee Flower.

Mrs. Ethel L. Weeks of Salem spent several days as a guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beardsley.

Mrs. Reeta Hunt is in the Prairie City hospital for surgery. Mrs. Olive Cox is caring for her an-

fant daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Throop of Dayville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinton. Also their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Shank of The Dalles, who has been visiting her parents at Dayville. Mrs. Shank remained at the Hinton home to be with her niece, Sharon, while the Hinton's were in Heppner hospital with their daughter Mary Ella, who had a tonsilectomy.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE
The Rhea Creek grange will meet at the grange hall on Friday July 2.

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