



SURPLUS FUNDS LOW

There is little chance of the 1955 legislature being tabbed a spendthrift session.

They won't be having that kind of money to appropriate.

State Budget Director La Verne Young estimated this week that there will be less than \$6,000,000 of surplus state funds available at the end of the current biennium.

Two years ago the amount was \$30,000,000.

First financial requests of state departments and institutions for the next biennium were given to Young last week. No time will be lost, Young declared, in preparing the state budget for the 1955-56 biennium so it may be printed and distributed among legislators immediately after they are elected in November.

The Oregon system of higher education has estimated the cost of the first installment of their building program for the biennium to be \$7,590,000.

The State Agricultural Board is making surveys on the cost of a

new agricultural building. The supreme court justices are not happy in their present building. It is forever springing leaks in the roof. The only exits are down the stairways or the elevator—all in the small air well.

In case of fire they are thinking!

Any recommendations for state institution construction, other than that approved by the people at the ballot box must come from the State Board of Control.

PROPERTY OWNERS WIN

Areas added to the property of a rigidian owner by a change of the channel of a river becomes the property of the owner, the Oregon Supreme court ruled this week.

In a suit directed against David C. Towne and others who had leased land from the State Land Board for a duck blind the finding of a lower court was sustained. The owners had sued to enjoin the defendant from trespassing on the property claimed by the State of Oregon.

Associate Justice George Rossman, who wrote the opinion, held that the evidence clearly indicated that the added land was the result of gradual accretion and that such land would therefore accrue to the plaintiffs.

STATE FAIR TOPS

The spread of the variety and quality of entertainment offered at the Oregon State Fair has been kept up with the increased agricultural, horticultural, livestock and general exhibits entered this year.

And there are new and renewed features.

At famous Lone Oak track the trotters are back on the racing program staged daily except Sunday during the eight-day fair Sept. 4-11.

The spacious, airy State Fair Stadium, site of former rodeos, will show the State Fair Circus each afternoon and evening. Leading American and European circus performers in new and

F. H. A. Names New County Committee

Appointment of replacement members of Farmers Home Administration county committee is nearly complete for the counties of northeastern Oregon. Appointments to date include W. Robert Duncan, Wallowa county; Roy E. Vanderwall, Baker county; Lester VanBrockland, Union county; Frank L. Benschel, Umatilla county; Carl Knighten and Leonard R. Aldrich, Morrow county. The appointment for Grant county will be made shortly.

The new members are all farm operators who know conditions in their local areas and are interested in the problems of their communities. The full committee consists of three members, each being named for a 3-year term. One appointment expires each year and no member completing a 3-year term can succeed himself.

Every agricultural county in

traditional circus acts, elephants, tigers, lions, performing bears and clowns of fame make up a sensational show.

Helen Hughes, who never fails to assemble a smashing revue, is back with one of the flashiest stage shows of her career. There will be performances each evening in front of the racetrack grandstand.

GROUP INSURANCE OUT

The state board of control pulled the health and accident insurance rug out from under 2000 state workers last week. Policies are due to expire September 1.

About two years ago the board contracted with the Lincoln Life Insurance Company for group insurance optional with individuals with premium payments withheld from the paychecks of the workers.

The plan immediately became very popular and the company drew considerable other business from the deal.

The contract was cancelled as a result of an opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton that the state board had no authority to enter into a contract with the insurance company.

GAS TAX MEETING

Assistant Secretary of State William Healy is in Seattle this week attending the national gasoline tax conference.

Healy reports discussions centered largely on gasoline tax collections by the states. Virtually all states are represented.

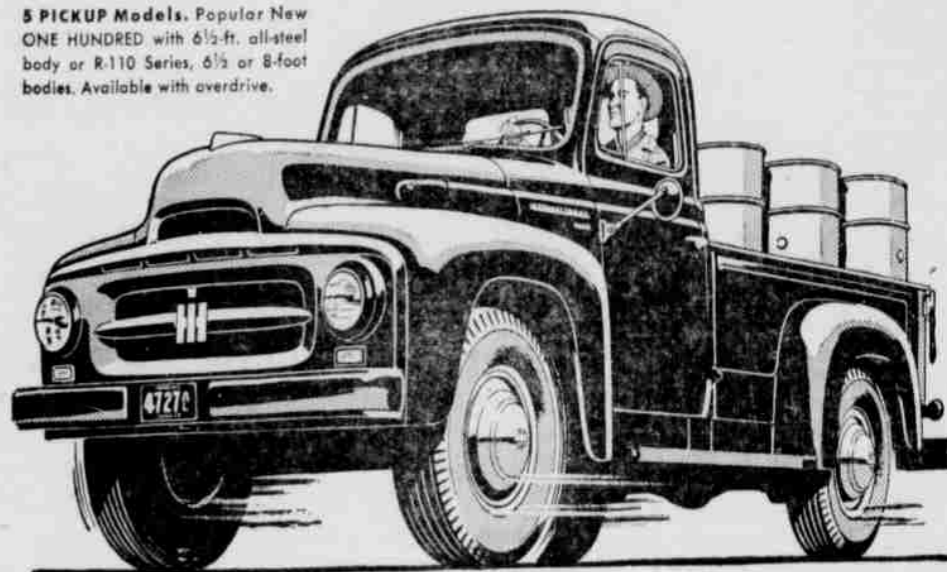
He quoted gasoline tax collections for Oregon for 1953 totaled nearly \$60,000.

the country has such a committee to help the farmers Home Administration county supervisor adapt the agency's loan policies to local conditions, including farm credit needs.

The Farmers Home Administration makes loans to family-type farm operators to buy, improve or operate efficient farms, or to construct or repair farm water facilities needed for profitable operation. Special livestock loans are made where temporary credit is needed to enable the operator to remain in operation. The agency also makes emergency loans in counties or states that have been designated by the secretary of agriculture as areas where emergency credit is needed. However, the agency does not make loans of any type to any applicant whose needs can be handled by other credit sources.

Before any money can be borrowed through the agency, an applicant must have the approval of the county committee. In the case of a farm ownership loan, the farm to be purchased, enlarged or improved must also be approved by the committee. Need Letterheads? Phone 6-9228

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