

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Van Winkle and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle of Heppner and Lyle Allyn attended the funeral services of Ray Martin at Prosser, Washington. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Cora Mae, and 2 children. Cora Mae is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Van Winkle and has lived most of her time in Arlington. She is the daughter of the late Charles Van Winkle of that city.

Mrs. Bud Buchanan and son Teddy have returned to her home in Seattle after visiting her father Jack Griffen of this city and at the Aldrich home in Ione and the Charles Buchanan family of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anderson and children returned to their home in Burns after an extended visit at the Franklin Messenger home.

Mrs. Earl Warner returned to her home one day last week after a visit in Corvallis at the Clarence Hays home, and at the Vernon Warner home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomeroy and Mrs. Lou Broadley returned to their homes in Kelso, Washington after a visit at the W. E. McMillan, Frances McMillan and Owens Helms homes in Pendleton. Mr. Pomeroy returned to his home early to attend the funeral services of an uncle at Beaverton, Ore.

Miss Pat Majeske spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Majeske from her work in Portland at Good Samaritan hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Waite of Pendleton visited at the W. E. McMillan home on Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Gridener, mother of Eugene Sawyer and Sophie Kubleck, grandmother visited at the Sawyer home on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and two children spent the weekend in Union and La Grande. Saturday night they visited at the W. I. Miller home and on Sunday at the Dewie Lovelace home in Cove, and the Sidney McMurphy home in Union.

Mrs. Emma Breshears and granddaughter Georgia Gibson and Marie Steagall and daughters Pat and Barbara were the Dalles visitors over the weekend. They were met there by Mrs. Carl Whillock, another daughter of Mrs. Breshears and all visited at the Malcolm Richelderfer home.

Mrs. E. E. McFadden and Mrs. Dean Hunt motored to The Dalles Thursday after Cherry Grey who had been a patient in Mid-Columbia hospital in that city following an appendectomy.

Mrs. Carl Marquardt and Mrs. Bill Marquardt and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth were hostesses to a cradle shower honoring Mrs. Eugene Sawyer, at the I. O. O. F. dining room on Friday night April 1. Games were played with prizes being won by Maureen Groves.

Those attending were: Mesdames Alex Hunt, Howard Crowell, Newt O'Harra, E. E. McFadden, Archie Munkers, Wayne Papineau, Buster Padberg, O. G. Breeding, Floyd Smith, Oral Wright, Bertha Hunt, Morris McCarl, M. V. Nolan, Earl Warner, A. F. Majecke, Don Campbell, June Cooper, L. G. Wetzel, Mel Bates, Oris Padberg, W. E. McMillan, Carl Marquardt, Bill B. Marquardt, Emma Breshears, Wilbur Steagall, and the Misses Inez McFadden, Dona Barnett, Maureen Groves, Lynn Wright, Pat Majeske of Portland, and Mrs. Douglas Price of Heppner, and Phyllis Nolan and Bea Miles.

Gifts were sent by the following, unable to attend, Iris Miller, and Norma Marquardt, Mrs. Homer Hughes, Gladys Van Winkle, Mildred Davidson, Eileen

CAPITAL PARADE

Continued from Page 2 balancing the budget. The problem confronting the Oregon lawmakers is no simple sixty-four dollar question. It is more like a \$64 million question—\$63 million to be more nearly exact. This huge deficit in the general fund budget is accounted for by a \$45 million gap between the \$200 million budget presented to the legislature by the governor and the \$155 million in available revenues under existing statutes, plus an \$18 million building program.

The House tax committee, in which all revenue measures must originate, has trimmed the budget deficit down to \$55 million by the simple expedient of arbitrarily lopping \$8 million off the building requests presented by the board of control and the board of higher education. This gap can only be bridged by cutting budget requests or by increasing state revenues.

In any state but Oregon this problem would be a comparatively simple one. The legislature would work out a program of new levies that would produce the required amount and pass it. In Oregon this problem is complicated by a constitutional provision which precludes the use of the emergency clause on a revenue measure. This leaves all revenue measures wide open to a referendum for 90 days after the

Padberg, Merle Cornilson, Nellie Johnson, Audrey Ansted, Gena Leonard, Cherry and Nita Grey, Tess Hatfield, Helen and Jean Nelson, Lois Hunt, Lorene Ledbetter, Mrs. Blaine Chapel and daughter, Mary Edwards, Em Peck, Lee Wagenblast, Mrs. E. Nichols, Carol Ann Wigglesworth and Barbara Cutsforth. Later refreshments of ice cream and cookies with coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth returned from Salem where they were called last week by the illness of an aunt of Mrs. Cutsforth.

Mrs. W. I. Miller of La Grande reports that her son Pvt. Earl L. Miller has been among those recently sent from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to Europe. Earl was a resident of Lexington for some time, graduating from this school and making his home with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Don't forget Good Friday and special Easter services at the Lexington Christian church.

legislature adjourns. Oregon is the only state whose legislature operates under such a restriction. And past experience has shown that opponents of tax measures are quick to avail themselves of the referendum privilege.

Oregon has not levied a tax against property for state purposes since 1941 and it is the policy of the legislature to leave that field to the local taxing units so far as possible. In fact a statute approved by the voters in 1952 limits a state property levy, if one should ever become necessary, to six mills plus an additional amount to cover bond retirement and interest.

The House committee's tax program sets out to recapture a million dollars appropriated two years ago to finance construction of a new reformatory and picks up \$6.5 million in additional revenue from the personal income and corporate excise tax over the estimate on which the budget deficit is based. Both of these items have been branded as "wishful thinking" by veteran legislators most familiar with the state's financial picture. It also relies on a \$2 million cut in budget requests which so far has not materialized. In fact indications now are that the budget will be above, rather than below, \$200 million by the time the legislature completes its work.

The committee expects to pick up \$4 million through an increase in the price of liquor, \$2 million more by bringing public utilities under the corporate excise tax, \$3.7 million by increasing the withholding tax from one to two percent and \$10 million by a tax of three cents a pack on cigarettes. This latter levy faces almost certain referral to the

voters.

The backbone of the new tax program, however, provides for an increase in the personal income tax. This is to be accomplished, first by reducing exemptions and dependency credits from \$600 to \$500, secondly by increasing the tax rates, and thirdly by application of a surtax of from 5 to 10 percent, dependent upon the amount necessary to complete the budget balance. This latter part of the tax program is already under heavy fire from labor and farm groups because, percentage wise at least, it bears more heavily on incomes in the lower brackets than on those in the higher brackets. In any event it is generally predicted that it will be subjected to close scrutiny and probable drastic revision by the senate tax committee which received the tax program only last week.

END IN SIGHT

Legislators made bad news for the taxpayers last week but there was one bright spot. They are going to quit two weeks earlier than they planned.

The surprise passage by the House of 32 per cent boost in income taxes started a reaction against a generally accepted view that the Legislature would continue through May.

The sine die date now is expected to be April 23, which would be a normal 104-day session. Two days less than the record session of 1949.

The income tax increase is expected to produce \$24,500,000 and a cigarette tax of 3 cents a pack is estimated will bring \$10,100,000. Both measures are certain to be subjected to referendum. Rep. Loren Stewart, (R) Cottage Grove, chairman of the House tax committee, has started a move

to have a special election this summer, if referendum petitions are filed against the bills. Legislation is being drafted for a special election, if needed, to determine as early as possible what the voters want.

CAPITAL PARAGRAPHS

If you expect to make a trip to the capital soon this tip may help. The Salem Traffic Safety Council, in a get tough move, advises that jaywalkers in the main part of the city and the capital zone be arrested.

The Oregon Journal has announced that Larry Smyth, its political editor, will resign as assistant to Interior Secy. McKay, May 1 and return to his Portland position. Douglas McKean, present political editor now cover-

ing the legislature for the Journal, is to return to his Portland City Hall assignment.

State bulletin: "In the opinion of the Attorney General and concurred in by the state department of finance and administration, no driver of a state automobile may ask for or accept trading stamps in connection with the purchase of gasoline, oil or any other purchase by state credit cards. This will be considered as receiving gifts."

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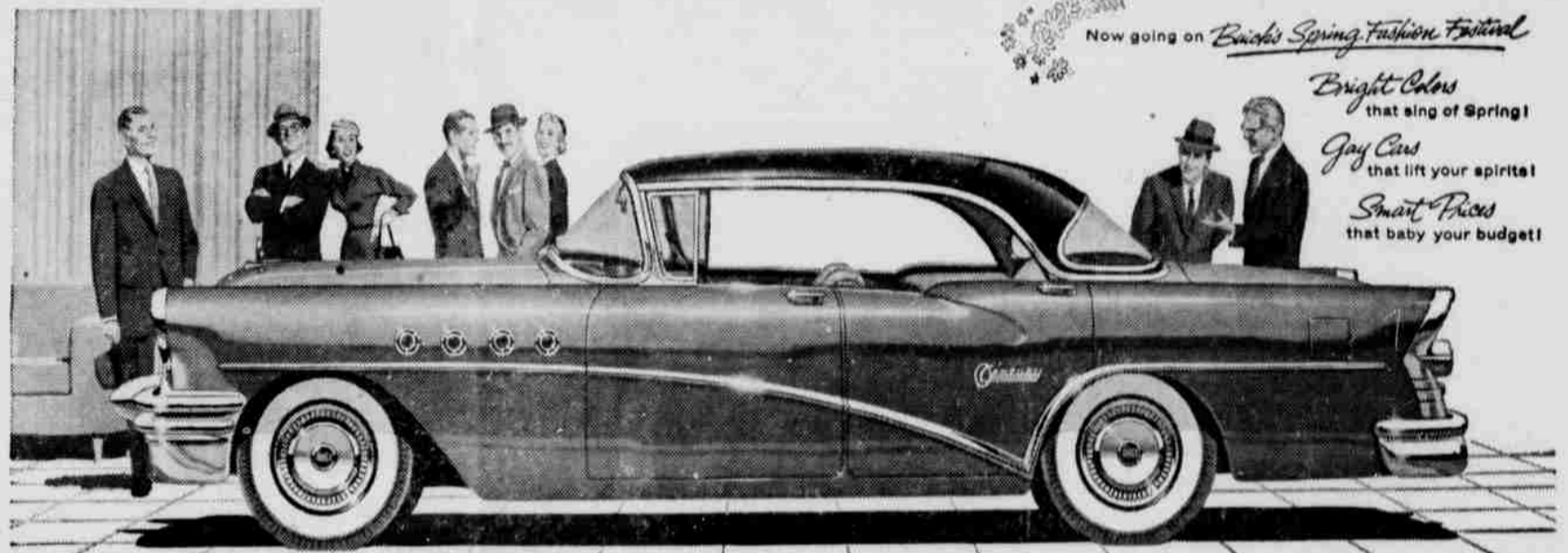
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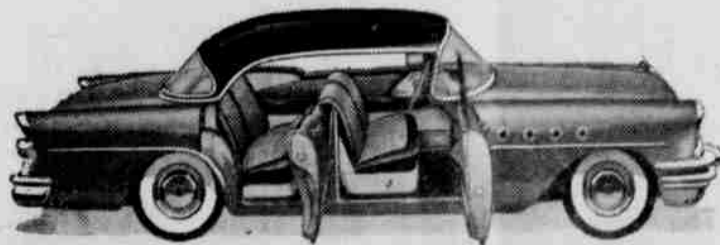
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