



The legislature's masterpiece could be titled "Raise What Taxes to Raise How Much for What—How?"

Their job of balancing the budget is still open at both ends—the income and the outgo. Appropriations are still going out but incomes are not set to come in.

On the 100th day of the session, Tuesday, the stark financing problem stared defyingly back into the bleary eyes of the day and night shift working members of taxation and ways and means committees. The slashing axe still has cobwebs.

Late reports add up a \$62,000,000 deficit.

Most of the income avenues will have to be selected by the people at the polls at a special election.

It's too complex for 90 men to solve in 100 days.

INTERIM COMMITTEES

The current legislature may set a record for interim committees

with record appropriations. Fourteen such committees have been proposed and are under consideration by the ways and means committees—which you may have heard are considerably dollar-minded.

Appropriations, specified in the 14 proposals total \$1,493,216. The 1953 legislature set up 12 interim committees.

Members receive no payment for their services but in some instances funds are allotted to reimburse committee members for traveling expenses and other actual and necessary outlays incurred in discharging their official duties, and for compensating authorized assistants.

Following is a brief list of committees and appropriations:

For a study of traffic problems, \$8,000. Study plans for observing Oregon's centennial anniversary, February 15, 1959, \$5,000. Study work for inmates of penitentiary and other state institutions, \$5,000. Study corrupt practices, \$15,000. Legislative pay increase and voters' pamphlet with estimated increase in costs of \$179,000. Control of salmon by international treaty and control harvest in California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska, \$50,000. Study sanitary problems of fringe metropolitan areas, \$50,000. Study state high-

way practices in acquiring rights of way, \$3,000. Workmen compensation laws as compared with other states, \$20,000. Forestry tax study, \$50,000. Military studies, \$5,000. Correct defects in statutes, \$5,000. Electric utility study, \$692,833. Study audit system for state and county fairs, \$5,000. Local government coordination of cities and counties, \$25,000. Sex crime prevention studies, \$3,500. Study motor transportation facilities and study separation of state park system from highway department, \$25,000.

HEADS TAX WORKERS

Former Speaker of the House Ernest R. Fatland (1939) was elected president of Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc., at a meeting of the board Friday in Salem.

Fatland left Saturday for Washington, D. C. to attend a national conference of state taxpayer organizations executives. He was accompanied by Robert Lister, Prineville cattleman who was elected vice-president at the state-wide meeting in Salem.

TIMBER BEAST BUST

The largest of the big legislative parties of the current session roared until midnight last Friday to the enjoyment of 450 invited, costumed guests who dined and danced at Salem's Legion Hall on the hill overlooking the Capitol.

The senators, representatives, lobbyists and timber operators of the Fourth Congressional District picked up the \$2,200 check.

AT HOME TO THE PRESS

Governor and Mrs. Paul Linton Patterson entertained members of the legislative press and their wives Wednesday evening at their Salem home.

DELIGHTFUL ANTICIPATIONS

Japanese Consul Nozoru Imajo and Mrs. Imajo have sent invitations to a reception in observance of the birthday anniversary of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

The hour will be from 6 to 7:30 o'clock, Friday evening April 29 at the Capital Room of the Senator Hotel.

CHAMPION PARTY SKIPPER

Nobody kept count of the many and varied legislative parties given this session. Nobody can guess the number that have been given in the past 37 years since that venerable and forthright capital reporter, Wayne Pettit, has been representing the Oregonian here.

In those 37 years he has never attended a legislative party of any kind. This is not because he did not receive an invitation. He has received hundreds—and has kept them to frame.

When asked why he never attended these parties he said, "Oh, I just got started that way." And then he made a prophecy. "The House of Representatives in 1957 will have a Democratic majority."

(Too Late for Last Week)

FALL ELECTION—MAYBE

Present indications are that Oregon will have a special election some time next fall. The House tax committee is working on a proposal that such an election be called if its tax program is attacked by the referendum. It seems to be a foregone conclusion around the capitol that the cigarette tax imposing a levy of three cents on every package of cigarettes will be referred. Labor and farm groups have said that they will oppose this tax if it is referred. Furthermore there have been open threats of a referendum against the new income tax measure which is designed to carry the brunt of the increase necessary to balance the state budget. If a special election is called plans are under way for submitting an alternative plan of revenue raising to the voters. This would involve a state tax with the proviso that if this measure were approved exemptions under the income tax act would be increased so that persons in the lower income brackets would pay no income tax.

VOTING DATE CHANGED

Primary elections in Oregon will be held hereafter on the fourth Tuesday in June instead of the third Friday in May if the House follows the lead of the senate which this week passed the bill by a vote of 23 to 6. Principal opposition to the measure in the senate was based on the fact that June is a vacation month and many voters will be away from home at that time and unable to take part in the election. Another objection was raised to the fact that the bill provides for election of precinct committee members at the general election which will require that voters reveal their party affiliation at that time as well as in the primary election.

BASIC SCHOOL FUND

Two bills which propose a new formula for distribution of the basic school fund were the subject of a lengthy hearing before the senate committee on education Monday. Both bills provide a substantial increase in the equalization factor of the formula under which this fund is distributed. Supporters of the bills argued that it is the responsibility of the state to provide education for its youngsters and that under this theory the money should be taken from these areas in which the greatest wealth exists and distributed where the children live. Opposition to these measures comes largely from Multnomah county and from eastern Oregon counties with high assessed valuations in proportion to their school populations.

NO STRAWBERRY BOARD

A heavy frost nipped the proposed strawberry board at a meeting called by a small number of growers, packers and advertising agents here last week. There were too many growers who didn't want any truck with such a board and were willing,

Boardman News

Continued from Last Week

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mallery and sons Gerry and Jimmie, of Seattle, Wash., visited at the home of Mrs. Mallery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats, from Wednesday till Sunday, Friday Mr. and Mrs. Mallery went to Richland, Wash., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bell, returning here Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Veelle returned home Thursday from Estacada, where she has been the past five weeks caring for her niece, Mrs. Donald Jaundice, who was ill with yellow jaundice.

The Wives club met Tuesday of

if necessary, to put up the money to defeat such an organization. They claimed they would be taxed to pay all the advertising bills to sell the finished product marketed by the processors.

Proponents of the scheme said the opposing growers were uninformed concerning the proposed board and efforts to organize will be started again next year. Opponents answered that they would be prepared to fight such an attempt as they were informed as to how similar boards operated in other states and with other products.

PRESS ROOM YACK

"How come reporters?" queried a legislator in the senate press room between sessions this week. He seems naive. His question was an encroachment upon a reporters Socratic premises—to ask questions.

He started a crossfire with reporters and lobbyists, who were newsmen once upon a time. What they revealed—and they'd bet on it, was that more than half of all newspaper men got the urge to become reporters from writing for school papers.

Also that 50 percent of all reporters have only a high school education; 25 percent have graduated from schools of journalism and the other 25 percent are college graduates. That 70 percent of Western editors shy at hiring graduates from journalism schools. When looking for a reporter they scout for one who writes what the late Joseph Pulitzer called "newspaper english."

last week at the home of Mrs. Thurman Johnson, with Mrs. Al Morin as co-hostess. There were 10 members present, and two new members were taken in. Mrs. William Bowsher and Mrs. Al Kunhenn. The club planned the Easter egg hunt held Saturday, and planned for an outing to Pendleton for dinner and a movie on April 17.

The Ladies Aid society of the Community church met for an all day meeting at the church on Wednesday of last week. There were 12 present. The day was spent cleaning the church yard and rolling bandages for missionary work. Mrs. Florence Root was elected secretary to replace Mrs. Hugh Brown, who resigned. There was a sack lunch at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and Miss Zelma Cowan went to Portland on Wednesday of last week, returning Thursday evening.

Mrs. Emmett Rogers and son Duane went to Hood River last week to the home of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Johnson. The two spent the weekend in Port Angeles, Wash., at the home of Rogers' aunt, Mrs. Jack Kruger.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sicard, were Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Ennis, Moses Lake, Wash., where Sgt Ennis is

stationed at Larson Airforce base. He was on furlough.

Jim Flock, Myrtle Creek, visited last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Flock.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lilly, La Grande, were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Lilly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ely, Hermiston, Ora Ely, Pendleton, and Newell Vaught, Richland, Wash. Jimmie and Janet Lilly, who visited at the Ely home last week, returned home. Mrs. Ely also went to La Grande, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Clyde Tannehill returned home Sunday from Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston, where she has been for nearly four weeks following a heart attack. She will not be allowed visitors for three weeks.



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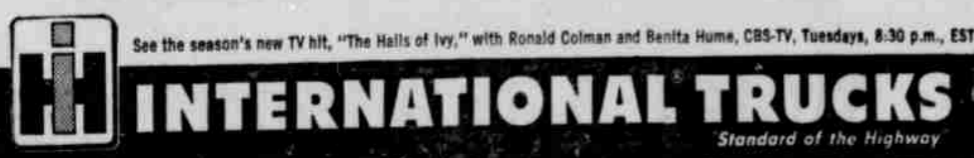
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