



Oregon C of C

An Oregon Chamber of Commerce where the governor is the board of directors and every taxpayer in Oregon is a paid up member (dues about 16 cents a year) has just been organized and is under way.

The legal name of the new state department, created by the 1957 Legislature, is the State Planning and Development Department. An item of \$238,154 was allocated for the current biennium for salaries and general expenses.

Governor Robert D. Holmes ap-

pointed Julius R. Jensen director and the selection was confirmed by a special legislative committee named by the Legislature.

Director Jensen immediately announced that his administrative assistant will be Harry Schenk, a former assistant secretary of state and more recently executive secretary of the California Manufacturers association.

Mrs. Marlon Beckman, who was office secretary for the former Oregon Development Commission, was named as administrative secretary. Three professional staff assistants and a stenographer will be added.

The state headquarters of the department will be in Portland. Public meetings will be arranged in Oregon cities, tentatively, in mid-September. Jensen said he would leave Sept. 20 on a two months trip to the East to contact industries.

Admission to Schools Attorney General Robert Y.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

With the costs of living showing consistent gains month after month, official Washington is becoming somewhat concerned over public clamour to do something about stopping inflation.

In fact, the Administration has said it is against inflation.

But of course, the Administration also proposed a large sized budget.



Seemingly, in the viewpoint of certain segments in government, it is always other fellow that brings about inflation. The fact that all government is now taking a third of the total national income in taxes, promises to take more, does not seem to enter into their calculations.

It is interesting to note that in the first 11 months of the 1957 fiscal year the federal government spent almost \$72 billion, while in first 11 months of 1956, total was barely \$65 billion.

Thus, there is almost a \$7 billion increase between the two periods. Now it is interesting to note that while official cry is that increased defense calls for increased expenses, only \$3 billion more was spent by defense department, leaving \$4 billion gobbled up by just general government, such as approximately 20% more paid out by federal employees retirement funds.

Foreign give aways continue to loom large in the budget. Without them, a substantial tax cut would be possible.

But it is interesting to note the type of organizations that band together to support foreign aid, and notice that they are the same vaguely defined outfits that have also sprung to action to

testify on behalf of the proposed plan to give away atomic energy, and to support the International Atomic Energy Agency.

For example, the Cooperative League of the United States, an organization which encourages the growth of cooperatives to the detriment of private enterprise is in the forefront on all these drives. So is the Council for Social Action, American Association for the United Nations, and many other similar groups.

Needless to say, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion, have appeared on the negative side.

Thus, there is constantly in Washington, clamorous, and apparently well financed organizations, always all out for government to do anything that will contribute to inflation.

Whether their motives are ulterior, or based on soft-headedness, no one knows, nor does this make particular difference.

But it is significant that there are some organizations in Washington who continue to combat these "do-gooders."

One such group is the American Legion. Another is the nationwide organization of small businessmen who under the machinery of the National Federation of Independent Business, keep their Congressmen informed on their viewpoints.

In fact, it is often felt to be incredible by Washington observers that anything stops the noisy left wing fringes from securing complete socialization of the U.S.

After all, it is reputed that less than 10,000 communists brought about the complete upheaval of the old Russian government. And constantly increasing inflation, as Main Street independent businessmen know, is a sure way of changing any system.

Thornton has just ruled that school boards are required to admit all children 6 to 21 living within their districts.

The only exception is a procedure prescribed for permanent exclusion of children over 10 who are found mentally unable to benefit from instruction, he said.

Thornton held also that where a mentally retarded child has been committed but not admitted to Fairview Home, the state's institution for training, treatment and care of mentally deficient or epileptic persons, he is entitled to education in the school district wherein he resides, either in regular classes or in a special instructional facility established by the district, unless an exclusion procedure has been instituted by the district or a determination has been made by the school that the child does not benefit from the special instruction program.

Tax Advisory Board

Chairman S. W. Horn of the State Tax Commission announced the membership of a 15-member advisory committee Wednesday.

The body will counsel the commission on all phases of taxation especially in the income tax field. Accountants, comptrollers, tax experts and attorneys were included in the selection of members.

Members are:

H. K. Merrill, W. B. Morrow, Dale L. Caldwell, Randall Jones, Charles Duffy, Norman Anderson, John S. Crawford, Glen R. MeDaniel, A. Lighton Platt, Kenneth C. Smith, Kenneth E. Ross, Clouse R. Groth, and Keith E. Billings, all of Portland; and Walter H. Fleet, Klamath Falls, and Dennis M. Brenner, Salem.

Banned Teacher Appeals Complete appeal was filed in

the Oregon Supreme Court this week in the case of Rep. Thomas Monaghan, Milwaukee teacher, whose right to serve both as a member of the state legislature and a teacher in the public schools was questioned in the Clackamas County Circuit Court.

Judge Holman held that Monaghan could not serve in the two capacities at the same time.

Ben Oregon Turkeys

Canada has an embargo on U. S. Turkeys after having had a 5-cents per pound import tariff in effect for some time. The import tariff was used to aid a price support paid their turkey growers.

The Oregon State Agricultural Department this week filed a protest against Canada's current embargo. Only one per cent of the U.S. turkey production as a whole has been exported to Canada.

Oregon producers have marketed 15 percent of their turkeys there.

Five New Livestock Officers Appointed; Districts Revised

Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture, today announced appointment of five new livestock officers, together with a realignment of livestock officers from seven to 11. The new men will work under M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal husbandry.

At the same time Steward announced the promotion of E. L. Wright from the livestock officer serving the Salem district to a new supervisory position in the Salem headquarters.

Wright, who has been with the department since 1949, will now be in charge of lay inspectors working in the new auction market and livestock disease control programs. He will also supervise lay inspectors under the new

state meat inspection program. This means correlation of activities of about 65 men so all industry needs will be filled and all men will carry a full work load.

Under the new assignments, the livestock officers—previously known as district theft investigation supervisors—have expanded duties. In their districts, they will be responsible for non-technical aspects, including property control, personnel management and accounting, of lay meat inspectors, as well as brand inspectors, and lay inspectors in the auction market disease control program. They will continue to be in charge of livestock theft investigations and estray work.

The livestock officers in this area are: Edgar Albert at Heppner, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallawa counties.

J. O. Turner and Jack Bailey were in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

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