

School District Accounting System Urged By Group

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The state legislative tax interim committee considered a proposal for a centralized accounting system for all school districts except class one at its meeting here Monday.

Remington suggested that such a centralized system would save money and would reduce time in which financial reports are sent to other state agencies.

Sen. Howard Bolton of Canby, chairman of the interim committee, expressed belief the proposed system would lessen work of school clerks and auditors who do accounting in each district.

The committee decided to refer the proposal to the legislative advisory committee on education, of which Frank Schiro, La Grande publisher, is chairman.

Senator Bolton told the committee he feels some time should be devoted to check on projects that might eliminate waste of state funds. He said:

"Personally, I think it is time to stop pouring money into a rat hole. I am tired of hearing of the need for new taxes. If we can save a million dollars that is now being wasted in state expenditures, that would be better than trying to find means of raising a million dollars by additional taxes."

Members of the tax committee conferred with representatives of the county assessors' association on various technical questions about assessments and tax collections.

Navy Reservists Set Meeting Here Tonight

Naval reserve composite unit No. 13-11 will hold a regular meeting at the Federal office building today at 8 p.m. it was announced by R. William Clark, commanding officer. A complete report on how reservists may make annual cruises this summer will be given.

Action will also be taken to reorganize the unit, Clark said, and to start the training program authorized by the 13th naval district. Also on the program will be a motion picture.

All navy veterans and others interested in joining the naval reserve have been invited to attend.

State Building Data Arrive At Chamber

Three builders and property owners interested in building a field office in Jackson county for the secretary of state met yesterday afternoon with a chamber of commerce committee to discuss new information on the project just received from the office of Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

A similar meeting was adjourned last week without reaching any decision because the committee, composed of Mayor Diamond L. Flynn, Otto Bohnert and Walter Jones, did not have sufficient information to present to builders who may apply to build the office structure for lease to the state.

Detailed information as to lease arrangements, rent, utilities, and other questions is now available at the office of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in the Medford hotel. The committee will screen applicants for their qualifications and sites they are able to offer and will submit their choices to Newberry for a final decision. When completed, the building will house the vehicle license registrar for this area and the drivers' license examiner.

Details Of Wage-Hour Changes Discussed

Amendments to the fair labor standards act, providing for a 75 cents per hour minimum wage, will benefit only about 1,500,000 workers in the United States, according to Madison R. Smith, investigation supervisor in Oregon for the wage and hour and public contracts divisions of the United States department of labor.

In a special broadcast presented by radio station KJJC last night, Smith declared that the advance from 40 to 75 cents would increase the nation's wage bill less than one per cent.

Most of the 22 million workers covered by the act have been getting more than 65 cents per hour, he said. He added that the higher minimum does correct the former minimum for the increase in the cost of living since 1938 when the act went into effect.

Smith pointed out that a new section of the act gives the administration authority to sue for back wages in behalf of employees.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California: Cloudy extreme north with occasional rain. Fort Bragg and Redding northward but fair elsewhere today, tonight and Thursday. Local morning fog. Little temperature change. Southerly winds 20-30 m.p.h. Cape Mendocino northward but variable 8-15 m.p.h. elsewhere off coast.

Unemployment In Oregon Reaches New Record High

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Unemployment in Oregon reached a new record high of 94,000 on February 1, nearly 10,000 higher than a year ago, the state unemployment compensation commission reported today.

In mid-February last year it was estimated that 93,000 were without jobs, but the official month-end tabulation dropped to 91,200.

Increases Reported
Every one of Oregon's 26 unemployment offices reported increases over a month ago, when 69,000 unemployed were counted. But in nine areas the number was lower than a year ago when the state total was 84,050.

Cosas Bay showed the greatest decline, with only 2,650 on the unemployment list compared with 3,700 on Feb. 1, 1949. Lebanon was 700 lower at 2,800. Hood River was 400 lower at 1,200. Albany, Baker, Freewater, Ontario, Salem and Toledo reported smaller drops.

Eugene, Medford, Astoria and Hillsboro reported the greatest increases over a year ago. Each of these added at least a thousand to the number seeking work. Roseburg, Corvallis, Tillamook, Pendleton, Klamath Falls and Bend were not far behind. Portland reported 26,000 out of work, a rise of less than 10 per cent in a year.

Work Slows Down
Lumber and logging accounted for 50 to 60 per cent of the initial claims for unemployment compensation. Other manufacturing and construction also slowed down because of the long cold spell. Most local managers of the employment offices agreed that a turn in the weather would put a large percentage of the unemployed back on jobs.

Commission records indicated winter-time peaks usually are reached in late February. But officials expressed hope that shorter claims lines will come somewhat earlier this year.

Picture Notables Band Together For 'God And Religion'

Hollywood, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—A group of movie celebrities, including Jane Russell, have banded together to bring "God and Religion" to show business.

The actors met last night, as they do every Monday night, in a private home for prayer, Bible reading and hymn singing.

"Our purpose is to have a place where people in the entertainment world who are interested in religion can get together and help their friends in show business who are searching for some spiritual life," said Miss Russell, a charter member.

Hunger For God
Others among the 25 members are Colleen Townsend, Songstress Connie Haines and Character Actor Porter Hall.

"There is quite a hunger in the entertainment world for the entertainment world," said Russell. "Some lives in God." Hall said. "Some lives in God. Some lives in empty. They try to find happiness in dissipation and carousing."

"We have no holier-than-thou attitude. We want to get people interested in going to church, any church. This isn't a tent revival."

Glenn Jackson Named To Insurance Post

Portland, Feb. 8—Glenn L. Jackson, Medford, and Frank A. Dresslar, Portland, were elected to the board of directors of Standard Insurance company at the annual meeting yesterday, according to an announcement by President Raymond R. Brown.

Jackson is a vice-president of California Oregon Power company and is an officer of the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine corporation and the White City Lumber company. He recently retired as president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce after seven terms during which that organization was an important factor in the development of the Rogue River valley. Jackson was born in Albany, the son of the late W. L. Jackson, former newspaper publisher, and Mrs. Jackson, who still resides there. His first business experience was with the power company in Albany, after which he moved to Grants Pass and to Medford in 1930.

Dresslar is vice-president and general manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for Oregon.

Friends Ask Help For Woman And Family

Friends of the family of Mrs. Emily Lyons, whose home burned to the ground last Friday, today appealed to Medford residents for assistance for Mrs. Lyons and her four minor children.

Virtually all their belongings were destroyed in the fire, the friend said, and they are in immediate need of clothing, furniture and cash.

Individuals had asked where their contributions could be left, and it was said today that arrangements have been made with the Medford YMCA so that they can be brought there.

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SWEM'S GREETING CARDS

Navy's 'Mighty Mouse' Rocket Used Successfully In California Flight

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The navy came up with a "Mighty Mouse" rocket today, the first successful air-to-air weapon developed by the U. S. armed forces.

Small enough to be carried in quantity by jet fighter planes, it nevertheless is fast and powerful enough to destroy any known type of plane if it scores a direct hit.

Fired Successfully
The navy said the "Mighty Mouse" has been fired successfully by a navy Douglas "Skyraider" at Inyokern, Cal. Impressed by its performance, the air force plans to use it as the chief weapon on its newest operation on interception planes, the F-80D "Sabre" and the F-94.

The navy said the rocket has not been tested against a robot plane. The navy and the air force plan to continue the tests.

Rear Adm. A. G. Obles, chief of the bureau of ordinance, said the new rocket is a "powerful addition" to the weapons of the fighter aircraft.

Larger Charge
"This rocket can be used to attack at greater ranges than aircraft automatic guns and carries a larger explosive charge than a gun projectile," he said. "Both of these are important factors in attacking large, high speed aircraft."

The navy would say nothing about its size or weight except that it measures three inches in diameter. It is built with folding fins to reduce air resistance on the carrying plane and increase the capacity of the launcher.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.
Mr. C. D. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shelton
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seaton
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bagely.

Fresh Winter Pear Subsidies To Stop

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The government will stop paying export subsidies February 15 on American fresh winter pears, the department of agriculture announced today.

The department said its export subsidy program for apples will continue.

The pear export subsidy program was started September 13 to support producer prices by diverting part of the supply off the domestic market. Now, the department said, "the quantity remaining available for domestic consumers is only sufficient to meet normal demand."

Under the program, the department paid up to half of the export price of the pears. As of last week, it had paid out \$108,991 in subsidies on exports of 85,597 boxes of winter pears.

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