

Owners of House Trailers Seeking Tax Law Revision

Trailer owners of Oregon are organizing to fight what they believe to be an inequitable provision of law regarding the taxation of trailers, according to local members of the State Association of House Trailer Owners.

A law passed in the 1953 legislature provided that house trailers be taxed as personal property, and the owners say that as a result, taxes on trailers amount to sums comparable to real estate taxes paid for homes in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 class.

Seek Unity

In a recent letter addressed to all trailer owners of Jackson county, the association said, "... by uniting all house trailer owners in the State of Oregon and showing strength we can bring pressure to bear for a fair and just revision of said tax bill by the legislature that will be in session starting January ..."

Meetings are held monthly here at the Valley Center Trailer court, 3410 North Pacific highway. The next one will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8.

Social Security Office Staff Up

Three additions to the staff of the Medford social security office were announced Friday by W. V. Nusbaum, manager.

Included are two claims representatives and a stenographer. Two additions will bring the office's staff to eight persons, Nusbaum added.

William W. Browne, formerly of Eugene, was the first to arrive. He is a claims representative. He has taken up residence at Cargill ct. Browne formerly was a teacher in the seventh and eighth grades at Fall Creek, near Eugene.

He spent over five years in the U. S. Air Force and attended the University of Oregon. His father, a retired Navy commander, and mother, living at Coral Gables, Fla.

On Monday, Mrs. Elva Mae Gardner, Medford, will begin work as a stenographer. About a week later, Floyd B. Cummins, Portland, will report as a claims representative. He is a former Federal Reserve bank employee.

Nusbaum said that the staff additions are due primarily to the increase in work necessary under the amended Social Security act, and also to the increased growth in the Medford area.

Ordinances Passed By City Council

Medford's city council, in a year's end session Friday noon, approved the December payroll and adopted several ordinances.

One officially adopted the city manager form of government effective Jan. 1. Others involved sale, for and removal within 90 days, of three buildings on airport property. Buyers were Kenneth B. Fowler, \$517 for old Biddle residence; Walter Armprist, \$275 for an adjacent barn and Seth L. Waters, \$100 for a spray shed.

Members of the council's land, building and light committee reported that no action has been taken as yet on sale of city-owned Camp White property to Fir-Ply, Inc., although negotiations are still under way.

A \$5,000 performance bond was adopted by the council for the new city manager position.

Freak Mishap Halts Suez Canal Traffic

Port Said, Egypt — (U.P.) — A freak accident blocked the Suez Canal Friday and authorities said the vital link between Europe and Asia would be closed for at least four days.

The accident occurred at 3 a.m. when the second ship in a nine-ship convoy en route between Suez and Port Said struck a military bridge across the canal and then ran aground on the sand banks.

The bridge collapsed across the ship, pinning it to the bottom of the channel.

The ship was the 10,892-ton Liberian tanker World Peace carrying oil to Europe from the Persian Gulf.

New York School Said Communist Controlled

Washington — (U.P.) — The chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board has recommended that the Jefferson School of Social Science of New York be required to register as a Communist front.

Chairman Thomas J. Herbert, who presided over six months of hearings on the school, said evidence showed it to be "directed, dominated and controlled by the Communist party."

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