

Measures in Oregon Legislature

Salem — (U.P.)—A letter has been dropped in the mails, addressed to the Joint Ways and Means Committee from the House Taxation Committee. It urged the budget-making body of both Houses of the Legislature to make no cuts in funds for the property re-appraisal program.

The letter pointed out that if any portion of the tax program now being hammered into shape by the taxation committee should be delayed or rejected by referendum action of the people, state finances would automatically fall back on a state property tax. For that reason, the letter said, the re-appraisal program would be doubly important to assure full and equitable taxation in all 36 counties in Oregon.

The committee also considered a bill that would increase by one-half per cent the tax on insurance premiums. There was opposition to the measure from insurance firms who said the increase might discourage investments in insurance by Oregonians.

Rep. Walter Pearson (D-Portland), who is an insurance man himself, told the committee that domestic insurance companies in Oregon now pay no taxes whatever to the state. Witnesses from insurance companies said they considered the premium tax a tax on character since it applied only to persons with character enough to tax themselves for future protection of their families.

Salem—(U.P.)—No action came out of a Senate Commerce and Utilities Committee hearing on a proposal to give the public utilities commissioner power over lowering intrastate freight rates but the committee said a final decision probably would be reached next week.

A discussion of the proposed bill showed that a majority of the committee opposes the measures.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Lowell Steen (R-Milton-Freewater), is supported by barge and truck operators. It is opposed by the railroads.

Salem—(U.P.)—More power for the state legislature in drafting

a tax program is a step closer to realization as the House turned down by a vote of 34 to 26 an attempt to kill Senate joint resolution 4.

That measure would submit to the voters the proposition that the Legislature be allowed to put the emergency clause on tax measures so they could go into effect immediately.

The state constitution now bans emergency clauses on tax measures so that they cannot go into effect for 90 days after the end of the Legislature.

Salem — (U.P.)—A bill to restrict fishing derbies as wasteful of Oregon's fish resources has received the support of 34 members of the house of representatives.

Baker Deer Dead Believed Lighter Than Reported

Portland — (U.P.)—A district agent for the State Game Commission has reported that "no evidence" was found to indicate that loss of deer by starvation in the Keating area of Baker county was as high as had been indicated.

Karl Morton, district agent at Baker, told the commission that eight of nine major draws on the north side of the Powder river had been walked to, or close to their heads. He found 38 dead fawns and seven dead adults. Sixty dead deer were observed from the highway, including 43 placed in one pile by sportsmen.

Morton said that "obviously not all carcasses were located, but no evidence was found to indicate that losses in that area have reached the rumored figure of 400 to 500, nor to bear out an additional rumor that big bucks have died in great numbers away from the highway." He said only four dead adult bucks were seen in the side draws.

The commission said it would sponsor a public inspection of the Keating deer winter range on the week end of April 2-3.

The vote came on an attempt to substitute an adverse minority report from the House committee on fish and game. A majority of the committee supported the bill.

Rep. Robert Klemsen (D-St. Helens) said the committee had been given no evidence that derbies had any damaging effect on fish supplies. He said the State Game Commission had recently doubled the bag limits on game fish and he asked the House if that looked as though the fish resources of the state were being depleted by fish derbies.

Salem — (U.P.)—A proposed House Taxation Committee package of revenue measures will be explained to members of the House March 25, Rep. Loran L. Stewart (R-Cottage Grove), chairman, said today.

At present the revenue program does not include a sales tax.

Salem — (U.P.)—A bill raising the minimum salaries which teachers may be paid in Oregon has been passed by the House with 16 no votes. The measure had already passed the Senate.

The new minimums established by the bill were \$3000 for teachers with a certificate but no college degree; \$3500 for teachers with a bachelor's degree, and \$3600 for teachers with a master's degree.

Coos Bay Duo Free Of Housing Charges

Portland — (U.P.)—Orval Vogan, 59, of Salem, and his son, James O. Vogan, 31, Coos Bay, were found innocent yesterday of violating Federal Housing Administration regulations.

A third man similarly charged, Mark Warrenfelt, 40, Harrisburg, Ore., was found guilty by a federal court jury and held in lieu of \$1000 bail pending presentence investigation.

The three had been accused of presenting false papers to a Roseburg bank in order to obtain FHA-insured home improvement loans.

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Stenographer Wanted

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Kathleen Carnaghan, 29, a stenographer charged by Washington

State authorities with slaying an 18-month-old girl has waived extradition and has been taken back to face trial.

Miss Carnaghan, an attractive

red-haired former governess was arrested last night for questioning by Grand Coulee, Wash., authorities regarding the death of the baby last August.

Horace Heidt's Mother Succumbs in Alameda

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.)—Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Mary Heidt, mother of band leader Horace Heidt.

The 87-year-old woman died Wednesday night at the Alameda Hospital following a short illness. She was a resident of the San Francisco Bay Area for 60 years.

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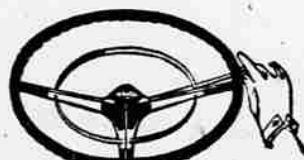
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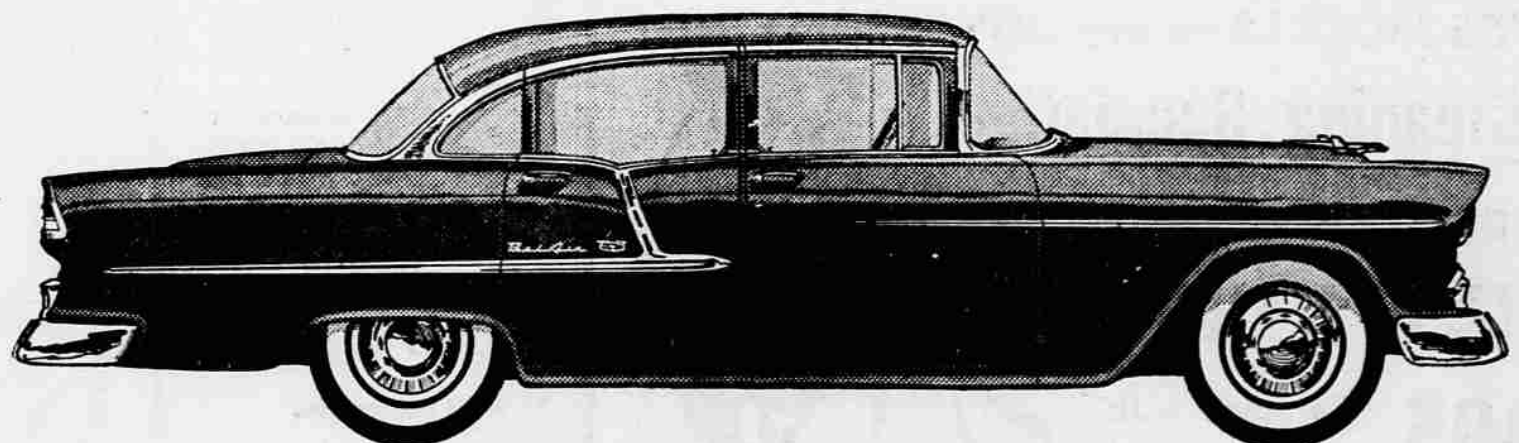
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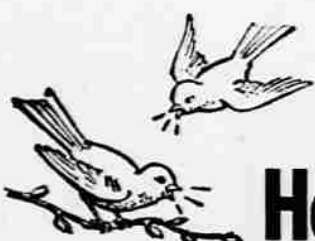
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