

Minimum Wage for State Workers Urged

Salem — (UP) — A minimum wage of \$219 a month for state employees was recommended today by a research committee of the Oregon State Employees Association.

The present low for state workers is \$156 a month for beginning domestic workers. Some 3700 workers now receive less than \$200 a month.

Jay W. Blair, Salem, chairman of the committee, said the group's recommendations for 1800 workers in 700 classifications would be presented to the 1957 Legislature.

Blair pointed out that the \$210 wage floor was still short of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated minimum monthly income to support a family of two with "decency and health."

County Officials' Salary Hikes Noted

Portland — (UP) — A survey by the Oregon Tax Research group shows that salaries of top county officials in Oregon have gone up an average of 29 per cent since 1953, when the state Legislature turned over control of the salaries to the counties.

Biggest increase was in Curry county with a 103 per cent increase in 1956-57 salaries over the 1952-53 pay schedule.

The survey examined salaries of county judges, commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors and clerks in all 36 counties.

Clackamas county reported an 82 per cent proportional increase, Walla Walla county, 63 per cent, and Jackson county, 48 per cent.

Pilot Rock Youth Declared Innocent

Pendleton — (UP) — A jury of 10 men and two women, after deliberating only 30 minutes, returned an innocent verdict here yesterday afternoon in the trial of Donnie Lee Evans, 22-year-old Pilot Rock youth charged with leaving the scene of an accident in which a death resulted.

The charge against Evans resulted from the death of Arthur Johnston, 24, of DuBois, Ida., who was killed on U.S. Highway 30 west of here Sept. 30.

On the date of the accident, Evans was stopped later in the evening for a headlight violation. He told the officer he thought he had struck an object on the highway but had been unable to find anything.

The officer accompanied the youth back down the highway and again they failed to find anything that the youth had hit.

After returning to his home, Evans again went to Pendleton and told state police that he thought he had struck something on the highway.

An officer again accompanied the youth down the highway and this time they found the body of Johnston where he had apparently been struck by a car while hitchhiking a ride.

Western Pacific Train Jumps Tracks

Oroville, Calif. — (UP) — Two units of a Western Pacific diesel engine jumped off the track, in the Feather River Canyon north of here Tuesday and three other cars of the westbound passenger train left the tracks.

First reports were that no one was injured and none of the units had fallen as far as the river.

Denmark Resident Speaks at Rotary

Denmark is too small to remain neutral and has cast her lot with the western powers, John Hansen of Copenhagen, told members of the Medford Rotary club at a luncheon here Tuesday.

Speaking at the Jackson hotel, the young American field service student currently attending Medford High school, said that his country, a limited monarchy, has joined NATO and her small Army, Navy and Air Force is part of the NATO military strength in Europe.

Hansen is studying here under the sponsorship of the Medford Rotary club and is living with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Christensen during his school term.

Representing the small nation of Denmark, one-half the size of the state of Maine and with a population of 4,500,000, the young exchange student described his trip to America as a "wonderful experience." In Denmark people are generally fond of anything that is American, he told Rotarians.

Although a monarchy, Denmark has a governmental system of checks and balances similar to that of the U. S., Hansen said. The King represents the executive, the 169-member parliament the legislative, and a court the judicial.

There is practically no illiteracy in Denmark due to the fine educational system; religious freedom is the rule of the land, and social advances have been many. The speaker was introduced by Christensen, Rotary program chairman.

Wheat covers more of the world's farm lands than any other crop and is grown in all 48 American states.

Damage Suit Results From Dog Biting

Charles W. Hill, 1127 Dakota ave., has filed a \$12,500 complaint in circuit court against Lloyd C. and Alta L. Langston, 1305 Dakota ave., owners of a dog he claims bit his 22-month-old daughter, Charlene Ann, on Oct. 2.

In the complaint, Hill described the dog as a large German Weimaraner, having a "vicious propensity of attacking and biting humans, particularly children." He claims the dog bit the child on the face, leaving a disfiguring scar and causing her to suffer physical pain and fright.

Hill charges of the Langstons with "wanton disregard of the rights of the plaintiff" by keeping the vicious dog. He is asking \$10 special damages, \$2,500 general damages, \$10,000 exemplary and punitive damages as well as costs and disbursements of the legal action.

Attorney for the plaintiffs is Cliff Ouellette of Medford.

Plates Go On Sale For Bicycle Licenses

Sale of 1957 bicycle license plates to those giving bicycles for Christmas gifts started yesterday, according to Charles Champlin, Medford police chief.

The regular sale of 1957 bicycle license plates, he added, will begin Dec. 26. Price of the plates is 25 cents.

Champlin noted that bicycle licenses serve as a "great aid" to police in recovering stolen bicycles and in identifying owners.

A drawing will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, according to Champlin, in order to let youngsters purchase bicycle license plates numbered 1 through 100.

The chief encouraged as many youths as possible to buy their bicycle license plates during the Christmas holidays.

McDaniel to Speak At Crater Meeting

L. H. McDaniel of Turlock, Calif., will discuss an analysis program to increase milk production, better animal types and longevity at a meeting of interested groups and individuals in the Future Farmers of American classroom at Crater High school at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Week's Analysis program is a new breeding guide being used by dairymen in several sections of the country, according to Emmett Gott, Medford, area representative of the Curtis Candy company's improved stud farms, Cary, Ill.

Also scheduled to attend the meeting is James C. Kultz, Modesto, Calif., western manager of the Curtis company's farms. Kultz and McDaniel will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday analyzing dairy herds in Jackson county, Gott said.

McDaniel is one of four such analysts in the United States.

Court Inspects Land Of Tax Foreclosures

The county court Tuesday went on an inspection tour of several pieces of property in the county on which tax foreclosures are being made.

Judge Rodney Keating said about 30 pieces of property, ranging from grazing land to residential lots, will be sold at public auction on the courthouse steps after Jan. 1. The foreclosures are being made because of unpaid taxes.

The court will set a minimum sale price for each piece of property. They will take over sale responsibility for property on which no bids are received and will negotiate directly with private purchasers. Officials listing of the individual pieces of property will be made within 10 days, Judge Keating said.

The last sale of foreclosed land in Jackson county was held about three years ago.

Veterans Reminded of Education Deadline

Salem — (UP) — Oregon's World War II veterans have less than a month to enroll in school and apply for cash benefits under the state veterans' educational aid program, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs said today.

The deadline is Dec. 31. There is no deadline for Korean veterans.

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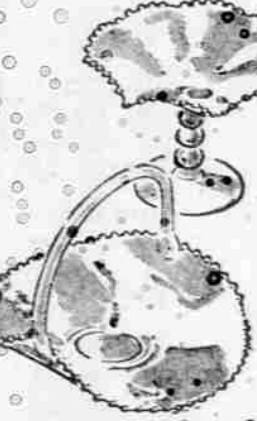
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