

47 Bills From Committee on Taxation Placed Before Oregon Representatives

Salem — (U.P.) — Forty-seven bills from the Committee on Taxation were introduced in the Oregon House of Representatives Thursday—all but three of them at the request of the State Tax Commission.

Most of them dealt with changes in procedure and administration of property and income tax laws.

They brought the total of bills introduced to 243.

One important bill would give supervisory powers to the State Tax Commission over any state, county or municipal officer performing tax assessment, collection or apportionment duties.

Included would be county sheriffs, county tax supervisors and conservation commission.

Bills Defined
Another bill would establish tax supervising and conservation commissions in all counties, in addition to the present Multnomah county commission. They would be under the general supervision of the State Tax Commission.

Power to request statements of taxable individuals or corporations in addition to statements made to county assessors would be granted in another bill.

Other tax bills would re-define the formula for sharing costs by the counties of State Tax Commission appraisal services so that each county would pay one-half the cost; re-define merchantable timber for tax purposes, and change inventory law to permit determination of stock at the close of 12 regular periods rather than at the end of each month.

Federal Plan Eyed
Changes in income tax law would provide a graduated method of computing tax withhold-

ings approximating liability similar to the federal withholding plan; eliminate flexible hardship exemption provisions; and enable a dependent 19 or younger to earn up to \$1,000 before losing his dependency status.

Thirty-five bills embodying programs of the Interim Committee on Education and the State Highway Commission were introduced Wednesday.

Main education bill would increase basic school support from \$80 to \$120 per census child as

advocated by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Several education bills related to a comprehensive plan for re-organization of school districts.

People Would Vote
Under the re-organization bills, school boards of all classes in a county would get together and elect a committee of nine members to plan county-wide school administration.

The committee also could address bonded indebtedness between districts that would be

included in proposed new school zones.

Plans for new districts, in accordance with State Board of Education standards, would then be submitted to a vote of the people.

Highway bills introduced at the request of the State Highway Commission would provide, among other things, for an \$8 million bond issue to enable Oregon to participate fully in the federal interstate highway program.

Lions Club, Largest Organization of Service Clubs, Observes 40th Birthday

Chicago — (U.P.) — The Lions Club movement is 40 years old this year. It started with a man who had an idea.

The man was Melvin Jones, 78, founder of the Lions and now secretary-general of the organization.

His idea was that men who work together on civic or charitable projects not only serve their communities but become better friends.

It must have been a sound idea because the Lions, one of the youngest of the service clubs, has become the largest. It now has 541,136 members and 12,750 clubs in 77 countries.

"By serving others you build yourself," Jones likes to say. Jones, white-haired but active can't begin to estimate the number of Lions Club luncheons and dinners he's attended.

"One thing about it," he said, "in addition to helping the blind, the crippled children and a lot of other worthwhile undertakings, the Lions always seem to have fun, too."

It wasn't always thus with businessmen's clubs. In 1947 Jones was a new member of the business circle of Chicago. Attendance was desultory, meetings dull.

Meet To Adjourn
The members debated whether to adjourn each year for six months, from May to October.

"If we can't stand the sight of one another for six months of the year then I can't see any reason why we should be clubby for the other six," Jones told the members.

Miffed at the upstart, the older members elected him secretary.

Shortly afterward, Jones proposed a new national organization, taking in independent clubs and chartering new ones. Thus, the Lions movement was born. In those days most of the ser-

vice clubs were "business exchange" organizations, in which the members were supposed to trade with each other to help their own business.

"But our constitution says no club shall hold as an object the financial gain of its members," Jones said.

Actor Loses Temper In Tractor Incident

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Michael O'Shea has been fined \$250 and given a 30 day suspended jail sentence for firing a rifle at a neighbor's tractor when his Irish temper exploded last Nov. 7.

The actor also was placed on three years probation Thursday by Municipal Judge Parks Stillwell and warned that he might go to jail if he used firearms again to settle disputes with his neighbors.

O'Shea, husband of actress Virginia Mayo, admitted he fired a .22 caliber rifle at the tractor's rear tires while it was being operated by his neighbor's son, Richard Morrison, 13. But the actor claimed he took the action because the boy had been racing the tractor on the property and endangering the life of the O'Sheas' daughter, Mary Catherine, 3.

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Willamette Man

Portland — (U.P.) — A federal grand jury indictment charging bank robbery was returned here yesterday against Ross Neal Porter, 37-year-old Willamette up-holsterer. The charge stems from the mid-day holdup of the Sherwood branch of the U.S. National bank earlier this month.

FBI agents arrested Porter last week.

One major purpose of the organization is to provide a forum for public discussion of all matters of public interest, "partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted."

The Lions went international early, Jones recalled. In 1920 there was an element which opposed chartering foreign clubs. But the movement spread from Detroit to Windsor, Ont., just across the river, and then to Toronto.

"At the convention that year some of the fellows who opposed the idea found out that the Canadian 'foreigners' weren't so bad," Jones said.

"We set up a foreign relations committee and began chartering clubs in other countries. We sort of figured that maybe if you knew the other fellow, you and he wouldn't be shooting at each other."

In the last few months, he said, Lions Clubs throughout the U.S. have contributed \$70,000 for Hungarian relief.

Klamath Navy Office Asks Bids on Radar

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The Navy construction office in Klamath Falls has announced invitation for bids for construction of a radar installation estimated to cost about \$3 million.

The project includes construction of access roads from Highway 66 to the facility site on Hamaker mountain near Keno, about 16 miles southwest of Klamath Falls.

The air control and warning installation is expected to be manned by 100 military personnel under the command of the 28th Air Division at Hamilton AFB, Calif. Logical support will be provided by the Klamath Falls jet interceptor base.

Amusement Device Tax Monies Apportioned

Salem — (U.P.) — Apportionment of \$116,872 in amusement device tax monies was announced yesterday by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

The money will be distributed 60 per cent to the state public assistance fund and 40 per cent to all the counties.

Oil Drilling Rigs Get Road Use Permits

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Highway department officials said yesterday that permits for oil drilling rigs to use certain Eastern Oregon roads have been granted.

A spokesman said Standard Oil Company will bring in a crew from Salt Lake City to set up a drilling tower on a 1300 acre tract near Condon. The highway permits issued pertained to routes the company must use into Gilliam county to set up its operation.

The acreage was leased to the company by the State Highway Commission. Officials of the company said tests showed potential oil deposits in the area.

The drilling rig is now being assembled in Condon and is expected to be in operation in about two weeks.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Tax Return Must Be Filed for Farmers

Farm operators who have any farm hand as much as \$100 in cash wages during 1956 must file an employers' tax return for agricultural employees, W. V. Nussbaum, manager of the Medford district office of the social security administration reminded residents today.

The return should be filed with the district director of internal revenue, by Jan. 31, along with the social security taxes on the wages reported. The return must show the name, social security number, and wages paid to each employee whose cash wages in 1956 amounted to \$100 or more.

Beginning with 1957, a farm operator is required to report the wages of every farm employee to whom he pays \$150 or more cash wages during 1957 or who works for him on 20 or more days during 1957 on a time basis, regardless of the total cash wages paid. The total number of days worked and the manner of figuring the pay do not matter if the worker meets the \$150-a-year test, Nussbaum said.

Early Resort Opening at Lake of Woods Opposed

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The Klamath county court said today it opposed an early opening of Lake of the Woods resort.

The court notified the State Game commission that the county road serving the resort would not be opened until about May 27. The Game commission had considered advancing the fishing season opening date to April 27.

Show Business Paper Notes Birth of Princess

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Variety, the show business daily, ran the following item Thursday in its vital statistics column:

"Princess and Princess of Monaco, daughter, Princess Caroline Louise Marguerite, eight pounds, two ounces, yesterday, in Monte Carlo. Mother is former actress Grace Kelly; father's a non-pro."



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State Unemployment Highest in Nation

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon's unemployment rate was the highest in the nation during December with 10.8 per cent of workers covered by unemployment compensation out of jobs.

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission said the situation was not too unusual because of many seasonal layoffs. In recent years the figure has risen to 12 per cent in December.

About half the 51,500 unemployed workers were in the lumber industry.

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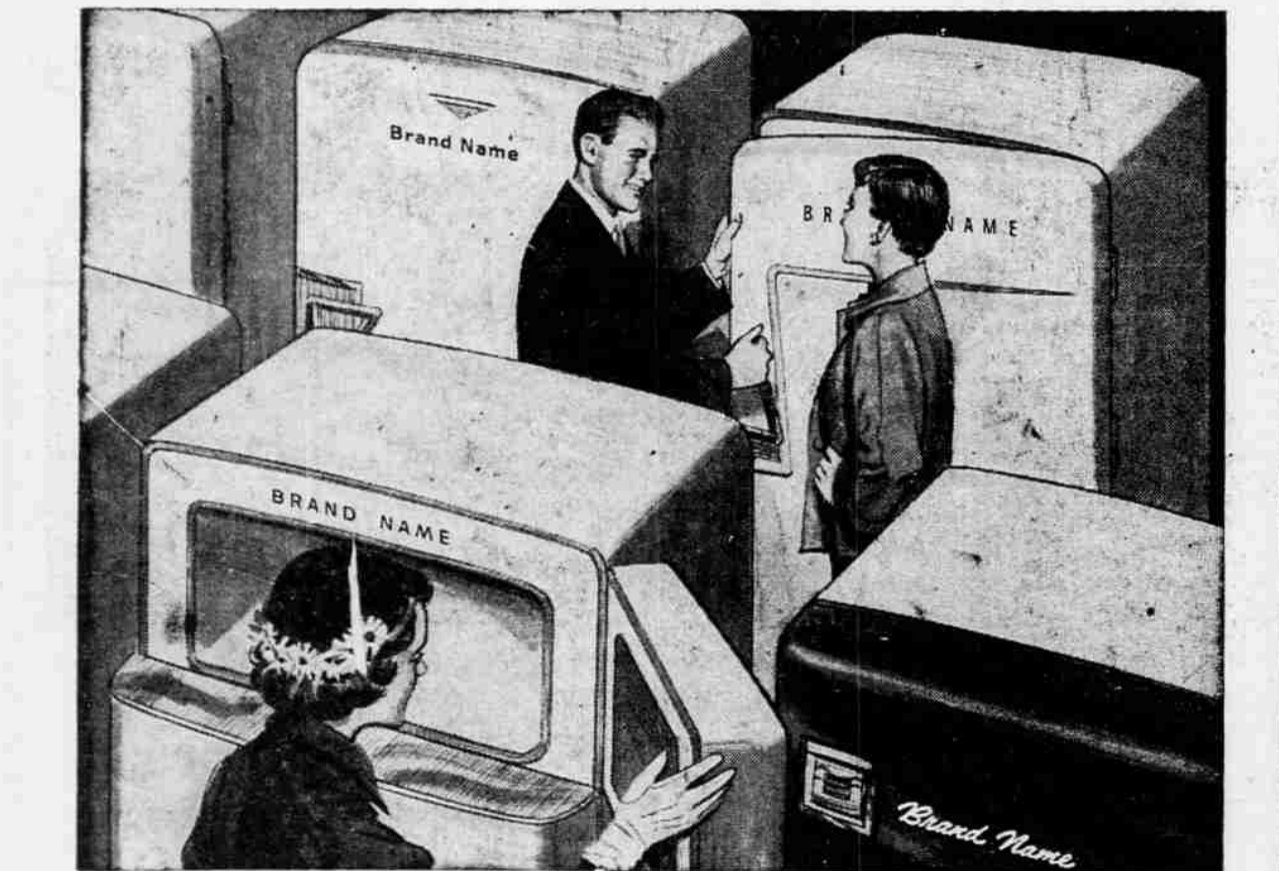
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