



RECEIVING HER ROYAL CROWN in Los Angeles is Peggy Jacobson, 18, Miss California of 1957, from Shirley Witte, last year's winner. Peggy will be a contestant next month for Miss Universe title. (International Soundphoto)

Youth Caravaners Set Local Meetings

Three young people from the International Waltham League Youth Caravaners, will be at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1029 East Main st., Wednesday, July 3 through July 6. The three are Miss Marion Huether, Elliott, N. Dak., Miss Sue Springer, Hereford, Texas, and Hugo Kranz, Kansas City, Mo.

During their stay here they will work with the local League in worship, Bible study, group recreation, and service projects.

The planned schedule is for meetings with Medford League officers Wednesday, July 3, at 8 p.m. and Friday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Thursday a picnic will be held at the parsonage for the Caravaners and the church congregation.

Agricultural Director Visits in Medford

Robert J. Steward, of Baker, who recently assumed the duties of director of the state department of agriculture at Salem, was a Medford visitor Monday, his first time here since taking office.

Steward attended the meeting of the state water resources board, and also discussed farm problems with others in the community. He was a member of the 1957 legislature, but resigned before taking the agriculture directorship.

Steward attended a report meeting in the church basement at 7:30 p.m. All interested members are invited to attend.

Lowry Says Economy Trend Hasn't Reached State Government Yet

The "economy trend" among legislators in Washington concerning large budget appropriations has not yet appeared in Oregon, State Sen. Phil Lowry told the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Roundtable yesterday at its noon luncheon at the Jackson hotel.

Lowry, discussing the increase in Oregon's general fund during the past 10 years, noted "Oregon has gone down the road to big government, which may not necessarily be a bad thing." The general fund is 1947 was \$78 million. This year it reached a new peak, \$283 million, he said.

Despite large population increases in Oregon, Lowry pointed out the budget increases since 1947 were not proportionate to the number of new residents in Oregon since that time. He added he did not foresee any "break" in the trend to increase the budget each session, which has been on the rise since 1935.

Refutes Charge
Lowry refuted a charge made earlier this week by state Democratic Chairman Bob Boyer that the Republicans had killed in the senate a bill to establish a nonpartisan state power commission. Lowry said the bill had never come to a vote, but still being considered by a Democratic-controlled senate committee when the legislative session adjourned.

Increases Necessary
The state senator stated it has been necessary to increase state taxes, but questioned the method used by the recent Democratic-controlled legislature to raise the money.

According to Lowry \$38 million of the \$283 million budget will come from surplus funds that accrued under the surtax tax structure, repealed by the legislature at the last session.

Depending on a surplus to balance the budget, then exhausting that surplus, will create problems for the next session of budget-makers who somehow will have to make up the difference supplied by the surplus this year, and program for another increased budget as well, Lowry said.

NO BIDDERS
Murray, Utah—Salt Lake county officials may have to think up another way of disposing of a 300-foot frontage lot along this town's main street. The property, valued at \$185,000, has been offered at three public auctions. No bidders have ever shown up.

WOMAN BUS DRIVER
Etna, Me.—Mrs. Lillian Hibbard is retiring this year after serving 18 years as a school bus driver. Some people were surprised when she took the job back in 1939 but Mrs. Hibbard said, "I figured if a man could do it, I could."

CRITICIZES COMMITTEE
Lowry criticized the House taxation committee which killed a proposed sales tax bill before it knew where any tax money would come from. He referred to a sales tax, with the appropriate exemptions for necessities, as a "mildly progressive" form of taxation.

A good tax program, Lowry said, would be a combination between a sales tax and personal income tax. He added that a sales tax is a more "stable" form of taxation than income tax.

Noting the effect of Oregon's tax program on possible industrial development of the state, Lowry said there was little incentive for locally-owned business to develop, but encouraged big out-of-state corporations to establish branches here that would not return its profits back to the state.

The Republican legislator said "very little" of Gov. Robert Holmes' program was enacted during the session. An important feature of the governor's program, a proposal to abolish the state board of control and vest its authority in the governor alone, was killed in a senate committee, controlled by the Democrats, Lowry said.

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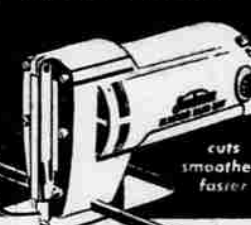
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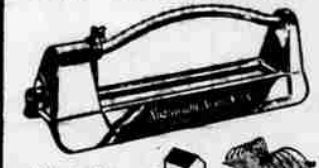


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