

Interim Group To Hear Tax Gripes In Klamath Area

Sen. Philip Lowry, Medford, will act as a subcommittee chairman during a series of hearings by the state legislative interim tax committee in Klamath Falls Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19.

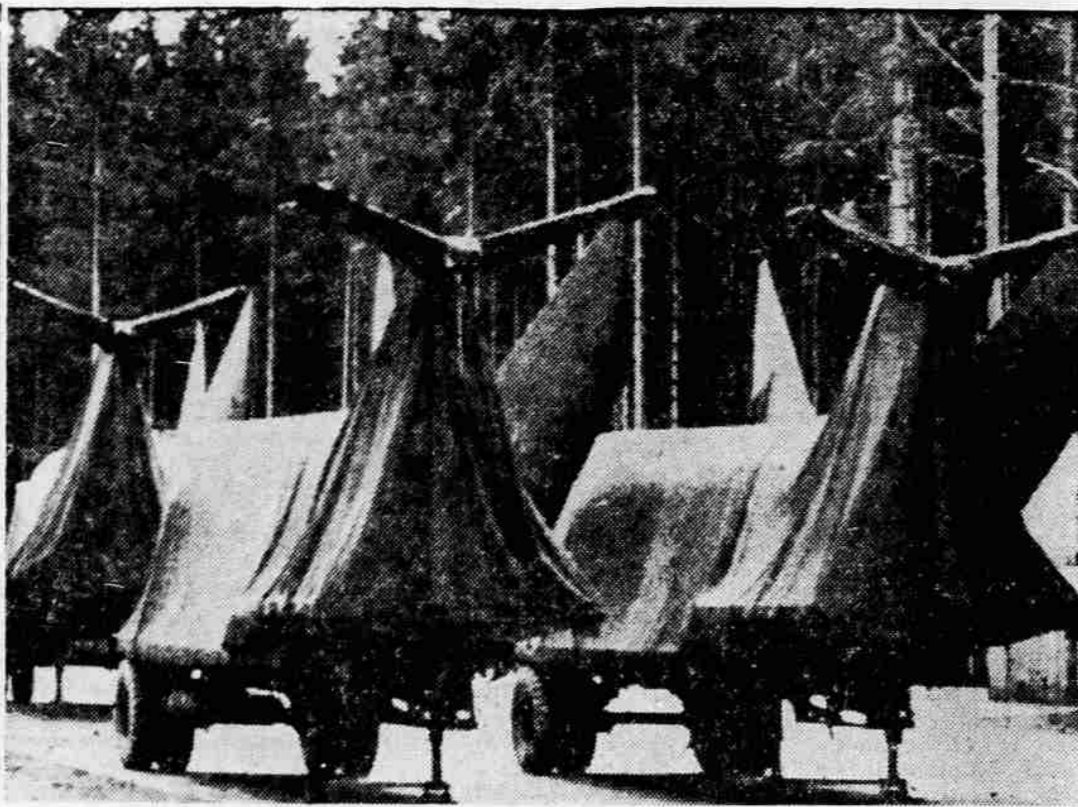
The meetings are planned for the Klamath county library auditorium starting at 9 a.m. on both days.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Portland, the committee chairman, in discussing plans for the Klamath Falls meeting said: "This is one of a continuing series of interim tax committee public meetings which are being held in various communities throughout the state during 1958 to give interested persons an opportunity to testify and express themselves on Oregon's tax structure."

Senator Pearson announced the four subcommittees will meet on Friday, April 18. At 9 a.m. the subcommittee on ad valorem and transportation taxes with Sen. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie as chairman will meet. The timber and natural resources subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Clarence Barton of Coquille, will meet at 1:30 p.m. The subcommittee on inheritance and gift taxes, with Sen. Rudie Wilhelm jr., Portland, as chairman, will meet at 3:30 p.m., and the fourth subcommittee to study an education tax, Sen. Philip Lowry, Medford, chairman, will meet at 8 p.m. Friday evening.

To Consider Comments
The full committee will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday morning, April 19. One of the items on the agenda of the full committee is "comments and testimony of residents from the Klamath Falls area."

The interim tax committee consists of 11 members of the state legislature. In addition to Senators Pearson, Lowry, Sweetland and Wilhelm and Representative Barton, other committee members include Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem, and Representatives Fayette Bris-



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Meter Head Thefts Termed Vandalism

The theft of four Medford parking meter heads during the week end was termed "pure vandalism" by Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff Tuesday.

Duff said the meters were twisted off their supporting poles sometime between Friday morning and Monday afternoon. Money from the meters was apparently not the motive for the thefts, he said. Locations of the stolen meters, on Ivy st., between Fifth and Sixth sts., and on Eighth st., between Central ave. and Front st., are not meter locations heavily used by vehicles, he noted. Duff valued the meters at more than \$50 each with a total replacement cost of about \$230.

The city carries no insurance for the theft of the meters, he added. City Attorney E. R. Bashaw said the theft can be considered both as a commission of a felony and a violation of a city ordinance.

The Hollywood Scene

By HAZEL JOHNSON
United Press Writer

Hollywood — David Ladd was quite serious about the whole thing. "No one 11 should go steady."

David is 11 and blond. He is the spitting image of his father, actor Alan Ladd. The subject of girls, going steady and other timely topics came up during a chat about a full-sized, starring part David has in the new Buena Vista release, "The Proud Rebel," in which his father and Olivia De Havilland co-star.

In the technicolor western, the youngster plays a southern boy shocked into muteness when his mother is killed in the battle of Atlanta.

The size of the youngster's role and the fact that a champion sheep dog, "King," plays a plot-motivating part were the main reasons several experienced, big-name actors turned down the lead role.

David was cast in the role and was rehearsing when his father took interest in the role of the mute's father. "They say you don't have a chance against a boy or a

dog" Ladd was quoted as saying. "But after all, it's my boy."

Financially, the movie was a great boon to the sixth-grader's usual allowance. David was paid 35 cents a day every day he was working.

"It sure flies, though," the boy observed. "Money doesn't stay in my pocket long."

David would just as soon talk about anything except girls. He'll tell you he's "never gotten lower than 89" in any subject at his exclusive military boys' school or that he likes to mimic entertainers.

But an attempt at any discussion of girls draws a blank, except for his studied remark on going steady at 11. As David puts it, "You should wait until you're 14."

The American flag flies over only three buildings in the United States day and night. They are the national Capitol, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate building.

Hold Parley in Ghana

Accra, Ghana — Representatives of eight former colonial states met here Tuesday in what Ghana Premier Kwame Nkrumah said would be the most significant event in centuries of African history.

The meeting is to last until April 23. Visiting delegates are from the United Arab Republic, Libya, Morocco, Liberia, Tunisia, the Sudan and Ethiopia. Israel has sent an observer.

Pompton Lakes, N. J. — Linde Barrows, 42, finance director of the National Council of Churches, died Sunday of a heart attack. He was former executive vice-president of the New Jersey State Safety Council.

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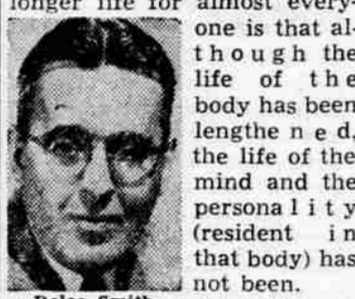
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Longer Life Brings Additional Problem of Mind Deterioration

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York — The trouble with science's gift of a longer life for almost everyone is that although the life of the body has been lengthened, the mind and personality (resident in that body) has not been.



Dr. Edward A. Strecker was looking science's gift horse in the mouth at a recent conference on geriatrics, the medical science of

aging. He concluded that unless science soon finds ways of preserving mind and personality as well as body, its lengthening of the life span will become "a curse rather than a blessing."

What is needed is more research and the questions must be pursued under high priority. The questions are not easy, which adds to their urgency. For instance, what deterioration occurs in the physical structure of the brain with age? He cited the experiences of a neuropathologist who dissected the brains of 20 persons who died in old age.

Same Signs
This investigator was looking for physical signs of deterioration, and he found them. But he found just as many in the brains of persons who had been mentally healthy in their last years as he found in the

brains of those who had been mentally ill.

"We should not be too glib about blaming all the behavior manifestations of old-age disorders upon organic brain disease," he continued. "It is not the sole cause. Nor should we be too glib about linking chronologic age with mental deterioration."

"Some people manifest deterioration in the fifties, and indeed there may be profound deterioration in the early forties. Yet we know people in advanced life, 80 years of age and more, who, excepting for a few memory lapses, are bright and alert."

In addition to possible physical changes in the brain, he suggested that "the previous personality" of aged persons could bring pressures to bear which "distorted" behavior. "The human personality is the most awesome thing in all the world," he said. "It is too fluid and far-reaching to be confined in a cage of words."

He asked two aged women the same questions—the day of the month. One replied "I'm ashamed. I can't remember." The other said: "None of your damn business. Find out for yourself." Each had been like that as a girl.

Strecker is an oldster himself. He is professor emeritus of psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, and professor of psychiatry, Seton Hall college, Jersey City, N. J.

Medford Officer Heads Law Group

Patrolman Duane Franklin of the Medford Police department was elected president of the Southern Oregon Peace Officers association at a meeting Monday night in Grants Pass.

Over 30 police officers from Jackson and Josephine counties attended.

Ford Hagen, Medford state parole officer, was elected vice president; Sgt. Dean DeBerry, Jackson county sheriff's deputy, treasurer; Oran C. Chastain, assistant Grants Pass police chief, sergeant at arms; and Miss Joan Sorg, Jackson county juvenile counselor, secretary.

Board members for the coming year are Sgt. Loy Cole, state police, Grants Pass; Jackson County Deputy Robert Gheysen; Josephine County Deputy Les Tythcott; and Jackson County Chief Deputy Joseph Walsh, outgoing president.

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