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Two Tax Relief Measures Get Committee Approval

Elimination of Property Tax on Factories Voted

Tax Deferral on Certain Homes OK'd

Salem—UPI—Two tax relief bills today had the approval of the House Taxation Committee.

One measure would eliminate property taxes on manufacturing plants under construction for up to two years. It also would eliminate property taxes on new additions to old manufacturing plants while the additions were being built.

Tax Deferral Provided

A bill providing tax deferral for property owners over 65 also was recommended to favorably. As amended the bill would provide that the homeowner would not come under the bill unless he or his wife made a total of less than \$4000 a year.

Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) cast the only dissenting vote on the manufacturing plant bill. He felt its application might be wider than the committee realized and that it would result in a shifting of the tax burden to other classes of property.

Inducement Sought

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Corvallis) said the plants were not here yet so there would be no shifting of the tax burden. He also said if the bill drew plants to Oregon it would result in eventual tax revenue increase.

Committee members generally felt the inducement, however small, might help attract industry. The bill was recommended by Dr. John Sly of Princeton University in his report on taxation.

Payable on Death

Under the tax deferral bill for property owners over 65, deferred taxes would be payable when the home owner died or the property was sold or used for something besides a homestead. A property owner who became ill and had to be hospitalized or sent to a rest home could rent the property and still receive the deferral.

Two other bills providing exemptions for older people were tabled.

House Committee Kills Construction Limit Bill

House Bill 360 has been tabled, thus killing it for this session, in the state and federal affairs committee of the state house of representatives, it was learned here today.

The measure would have required public bodies to submit all construction work in excess of \$5,000 for bid. It was opposed by most counties and other units of government, many of which do much of their own highway and other construction work.

Washington—UPI—The Comptroller of the currency has issued a national bank call for the condition of national banks as of March 12.

Sleeping Bag May Be Clue To Martin Disappearance

Portland—UPI—Sheriff's officers said today they would check out a sleeping bag found floating in the Columbia river Monday evening which was covered with a plastic cover containing the name "Ken Martin" in large white letters.

Found by Fishermen

Officers were investigating to see if it might be a clue to the disappearance last Dec. 7 of Ken Martin, his wife and their three daughters of Portland who went on a trip to gather Christmas greens.

The sleeping bag was reported found by George Ott and Monte Johnson, who were fishing off Government island near the Washington



BEGORRA!—When John Quincy Adams, Medford, put on his derby hat to go with his Centennial beard recently, friends noticed that the combination made him look like everyone's idea of a typical Irishman, and lately, they've dubbed him "Paddy." Though Irish only on his mother's side of the family, Adams said he planned to celebrate St. Patrick's day today in true Irish style by wearing a shamrock and a bright green sweater. Adams is employed as operating engineer in refrigeration at Orchard Park farms.

Debate Breaks Out Over Appointments Made by Hatfield

Salem—UPI—A partisan political debate broke out in the state Senate today over several of Gov. Mark Hatfield's appointments. It ended when Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) invoked the biblical injunction: "He who is without sin cast the first stone."

The debate started when Sen. William A. Grenfell Jr. (D-Portland) repeated on the Senate floor some of a discussion that had taken place earlier in the committee on Veterans Affairs, of which is chairman.

Then Sen. Anthony Yturri took the floor and read from two photostatic copies of certificates of merit awards given to Sprague Carter for valuable services on the Umatilla county draft board. The certificates were signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman and attested by Gen. Lewis Hershey, national head of Selective Service.

Carter is Hatfield's choice for appointment as state selective service chief, but the appointment has drawn criticism from Sen. Grenfell and others.

Carter Service Praised
In the certificate signed by President Roosevelt reference was made to three years service by Carter. Yturri declared that he did not consider such service "either brief or shabby" as charged by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) on the Senate floor a number of days ago.

"I believe that the Senate should look after its work in a dignified manner, and not attack every appointment made by Gov. Hatfield," Yturri said.

To this assertion Sen. G. D. Gleason (D-Portland) took issue, saying that he felt it the duty of the Senate to call the public's attention to the qualifications, or lack of them, in any appointee a governor announces.

Gleason also took a swipe at Peter Gunnar, Republican state chairman, who has said was not only lobbying for insurance but now working in behalf of voting machines.

Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) came up next stating that he felt the Senate should follow the form of dignity and decorum in the dispatch of its work.

"Wild Statements"
"There have been a lot of wild statements made lately by members of the majority party," Francis said, "and it is difficult to determine what if any is true and what is merely fiction and fancy," he said.

After Musa had poured oil on the troubled waters, Senate President Walter Pearson said he regretted that former State Sen. Phil Brady was not present.

Brady, a former Multnomah county police, said authorities had no way of knowing whether the Martins took any camping equipment. They said when they left Dec. 7 they planned to return the same day.

No Camping Planned
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Out of deference to Brady, Pearson put on a green hat as he wound up the session.

Ashland Board Sets April 22 As Bond Election Day

Money Would Build New Junior High

Ashland—The Ashland school board last night set April 22 for an election on a \$1,275,000 bond issue for a junior high school building program.

Money from the sale of bonds, if the issue is approved by school district patrons, will be used to purchase the site, construct the building and purchase some new equipment.

The Ashland board has been considering a new junior high school for some time. Voters defeated a bond issue for such a program Dec. 16, 1957.

Need Intensified
The need for a new junior high building was intensified recently when the state fire marshal closed a portion of the present building.

The proposed new building will handle 800 students at first, and additions will be possible for an enrollment of 1,000 students without altering the central plant, officials said. It will provide facilities for seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

Voting will be at Walker and Biscoe elementary schools and the junior high school between 2 and 8 p.m. April 22.

September, 1960, has been set for the completion date if the bond issue is approved.

Consolidation Election Set

Voters in six county school districts will go to the polls Monday, April 6, to decide the proposed consolidation of five districts with Medford.

The date was decided yesterday at a meeting of the Jackson County District Boundary board, composed of the county court and Alf B. Mervold, county school superintendent.

The election will be from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Jacksonville High school music room, Griffin Creek gymnasium, Ruch cafeteria, Lone Pine cafeteria, Howard school multi-purpose room, Hedrick Junior High cafeteria and McLoughlin Junior High girls gymnasium.

The consolidation involves Lone Pine, Griffin Creek, Jacksonville, Ruch, the southern portion of Howard, and Medford.

Petitions from the districts seeking the consolidation elections are on file in the superintendent's office.

Rundell Promoted In Park Service

Raymond K. Rundell, assistant superintendent at Crater Lake National park, has been named to succeed James R. McConaghe as superintendent of Vicksburg National Military park, Mississippi. Conrad L. Wirth, park service director, has announced.

Rundell joined the park service in 1928 as a member of the clerical staff at Glacier National park, Montana. He later served as senior clerk at Death Valley National monument and chief clerk at Lake Mead National Recreation area.

He also served as chief clerk at Grand Canyon National park and Sequoia and Kings Canyon parks in California. In 1952 Rundell was appointed assistant superintendent at Morristown National Historical park, N.J., and was named to his present position in 1956.

McConaghe was named chief of the boundary studies section in the park service's Richmond, Va., regional office last month.

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower will not hold a news conference this week.

Soviet Premier's Support of Iraq Ends Honeymoon

Russian Aid To Egypt at Risk

Cairo—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's support of the Iraqi Communists against President Gamal Abdel Nasser and his United Republic has ended the long Soviet-U.A.R. honeymoon.

Khrushchev accused Nasser Monday of wanting to annex Iraq to the U.A.R. Within a few hours Nasser snapped back and accused Khrushchev of "totally unacceptable" interference in the U.A.R.'s internal affairs.

Khrushchev's Moscow statement put the Soviet Union on the side of Iraq in the bitter quarrel with Nasser over the Communist penetration of Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem's government.

Nasser's reaction was as quick and as sharp as his replies to alleged Western interference in Arab affairs.

Both leaders said they wanted to keep good relations, but their public exchange made it clear they were on opposite sides. Nasser referred sharply to "new forms of imperialism."

Diplomats here speculated whether the split will cut Russia's huge aid program to Egypt which started when the Communist bloc sold Nasser arms in 1954.

Since then Russia has promised Nasser \$175 million in aid to help industrialize Egypt and \$100 million toward construction of the Aswan high dam on the Nile river, all of it "free of political strings."

In addition, Syria got both arms and economic aid before it became part of the U.A.R. last year.

It is now Iraq's turn for Soviet help. The occasion for Khrushchev's policy statements on the Middle East was the Moscow reception in honor of a new Soviet-Iraqi aid pact under which Iraq will get about \$125 million worth of aid plus technical help for starting industries.

Relations between the U.A.R. and Iraq have been uneven almost since the start of the Kassem regime. They reached a low last week after a nationalist revolt against Kassem was beaten down in Mosul and Iraq accused the U.A.R. of supporting it. The U.A.R. replied that Iraq was serving Soviet aims of trying to make the Mideast Communist.

Deer on Highway Causes Accident

John Westly Carter, 45, of 562 Ray lane, Ashland, was reported in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital today following a one-vehicle accident about 8 p.m. Monday on Highway 66 near Soda Springs.

State police said Carter apparently escaped serious injury when his pickup left the highway and rolled 550 feet down the mountain.

Carter jumped from the truck 60 feet down. He was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service for treatment of abrasions and possible internal injuries.

He told police his truck left the road when he swerved to avoid three deer which jumped from a bank into his path.

Two Medford Boys Held For Burglaries

Two Medford boys, 9 to 11, were taken into custody and confined to the Jackson County juvenile detention home yesterday in connection with burglaries at the Valley Drive-In, North Pacific highway, Medford police reported.

The burglaries, involving considerable property destruction, occurred in January, according to police records.

Medford Kiwanis Announce Egg Hunt

Medford Kiwanis club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt for youngsters of the community on Saturday morning, March 28.

Candy eggs in wrappers will be scattered on the Haw-

Russia Expected To Welcome Ike's Talk Attitude

Comment Possible Within 24 Hours

Moscow—UPI—Diplomatic observers predicted today the Soviet government would welcome President Eisenhower's conditional willingness to attend a summit conference.

Up to mid-afternoon, Moscow had not reacted to the President's speech of Monday night. His statements doubtless were being studied carefully and some comments could be expected within 24 hours.

The western consensus here was that what Eisenhower said would be welcomed as a "less negative" approach than before to the question of summit talks—a forum which the Russians consider vital to the solution of major international problems.

It was generally believed among western diplomats that British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan had been partly instrumental in Eisenhower's acceptance of the idea of a summit conference.

They felt Macmillan's "reconnaissance" tour of the Soviet Union had accomplished what the British leader had set out to do: "crack the ice."

Macmillan now is expected—at least here—to play an increasingly important role in the western negotiations which are in the cards for the next two months.

In the Soviet view, a conference of foreign ministers, as Premier Nikita Khrushchev said during Macmillan's visit in Moscow, would be a sheer waste of time.

But the Soviet note to the western powers of March 2 accepted the western proposal for a foreign ministers conference with the implied condition that it lay the groundwork for a summit meeting.

As Moscow observes see it, the next move the foreign ministers can accomplish is to prepare an agenda for heads of government. If they succeeded, a summit meeting would seem unavoidable.

Proposed Detective Ordinance Revised

Medford's proposed ordinance covering private detective and merchant patrol agencies has been revised following a meeting with police and agency representatives yesterday, City Attorney Joel Reeder said today.

Reeder called the meeting, attended by Chief of Police Charles Champlin, other police officers and six agency representatives, to iron out differences arising when the proposal was brought before the city council March 5.

The revisions specifically exclude insurance adjusters from the definition of private detectives, and eliminate previous licensing standards requiring the chief of police to find the applicant to be of "good moral character" and not politically subversive.

Councilman Donald Hansen, Ward II, had suggested that making sure the applicant was non-subversive might have led to demanding a negative loyalty oath.

School Officials to Attend Convention

County School Superintendent Alf B. Mervold, Assistant Superintendent Bruce Hitt, and the director of the curriculum materials center, James McDonald, will be in Portland and Salem Thursday and Friday to attend meetings in conjunction with the convention of the Oregon Education association in Portland.

McDonald left today for Monmouth to attend a meeting of the Audio-Visual Aids association. Wednesday he is to attend a meeting in Salem concerning the National Defense Education act of 1958.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with a few light showers tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight, 38. High Wednesday 58.

Highest Yesterday 71
Lowest this Morning 40
Precip. 10 a.m. Today, Trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:20 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:20 a.m.
First Quarter Moon today

Moonset tomorrow 7:10 a.m.
(Moon rises high)

Jupiter is due south at 4:30 a.m. tomorrow and the second magnitude star seen right below it is Graffias in the constellation Scorpio, a star whose light takes about 630 years to reach the Earth.

"We're Cleverly Fooling The Russians By Acting As If Our Country Were Bankrupt"



Public Hearing on District 6C Budget Scheduled April 9

Central Point—A public hearing on the 1959-60 budget for School District 6C is set for April 9 at 2 p.m. in the Central Point Junior High school library.

The new budget allows for three extra teachers, one additional school bus and replacement of four other buses, according to the budget committee.

Don Morrow is committee chairman and Lester James, secretary. Other members are W. C. Higinbotham, Al Setness, Halbert Deuel, C. Norman Gail, C. W. Anhorn, Norton White, William Askwith and Jerry Fitzgerald.

Total Tax Levy
The total tax levy for the proposed budget outside the six per cent limitation is \$498,696.42, compared with \$441,422.13 in the current budget, the committee reported.

Expected revenues through growth, basic school support fund, rural district levy and increased valuation will keep the millage for next year close to the present millage, it was said.

An analysis of various items of the budget shows the total expenditures up 8 1/2 per cent with anticipated receipts also up 8 1/2 per cent. Bond expenditures are down about 3 per cent.

The committee stated that the anticipated tax offset from the rural school district equalization levy is up 4 per cent and the anticipated tax offset from state school support funds is up 18 per cent. Under required forms for publishing the budget, it is not possible to show these items, according to the committee.

Teachers' Salary
The teachers' salary item is up 3 1/2 per cent, not including new teachers, and up about 5 per cent including necessary addition of teachers.

Directors are J. Harvey Stanley, Clarence J. Greb, and Elbert M. Bigham.

In the new compilation, which is one of a series brought by Mrs. Todd against the district, she asks the court to issue a writ commanding the officials to provide inspection of all board records, give public notice of all meetings to be held by the board for purpose of transacting business, comply with statutory requirements regarding levying and collecting taxes, comply with statute provisions regarding collection of interest on delinquent assessments and comply with certain provisions of the state constitution.

"In the alternative," Mrs. Todd requests that the respondents appear before the court and show cause "if any they may have, why they have not complied with said writ and/or writs of mandate."

She also asks that they pay attorneys fees, costs and disbursements and that the petitioner be granted "whatever further relief may seem just and equitable."

The term "writ of mandate" used in the complaint is not common to Oregon courts, according to courthouse officials. Black's Law dictionary describes it as a substitution for a writ of mandamus in some state jurisdictions.

Excessive Fees To Brokers Claimed
Washington—UPI—Senate investigators testified today that a California insurance company paid up to 200 per cent in excessive commissions to brokers who landed 21 Chicago union accounts.

They said the excessive payments were made by the Occidental Life Insurance Co., Los Angeles, to the Dearborn Insurance Co., Chicago. Fees and commissions totaled \$1,015,611 over a nine year period on \$16,154,443 in premiums, they said.

Details of the insurance transactions were traced by Alphonse Calabrese and Martin S. Uhlmann, accountants and investigators for the Senate Rackets committee.

The committee planned to call officers of the Dearborn agency to testify later.

Public Response To Ike's Talk 'Heavy'

Washington—UPI—The White House today reported "unusually heavy" public response to President Eisenhower's report to the nation on the Berlin crisis.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said that more than 600 telegrams were received by 8 a.m. e.s.t. and all but 20 expressed complete support for the chief executive's stand.

United States Said Forced To Face War Threat

Every Effort For Settlement Told

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower won strong support from Congress and the western allies today for his willingness to attend a summer summit meeting that would seek to end the threat of war over Berlin.

The first word from Moscow—from diplomatic observers—was that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev probably would welcome Eisenhower's "less negative" approach to a high-level conference.

'Every Sincere Effort'
The President, in a gravevoiced TV-radio report to the nation Monday night, said Russia has forced the United States to face the possibility of war and that he would make "every sincere effort to reach a peaceful settlement by negotiation."

But he added: "We will not retreat one inch from our duty. We shall continue to exercise our right of peaceful passage to and from West Berlin."

Democratic and Republican congressional leaders praised Eisenhower for his firm Berlin stand and his offer to negotiate on honorable and reasonable terms. But Assistant Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.), and other Democrats challenged the President's statement that U.S. defense forces are adequate and contrary claims "are simply not true."

West Europe Agrees
The President's speech was hailed by allied diplomats in London as "realistic combination of firmness and flexibility" that would lead to a "just and honorable cold war settlement."

An official spokesman in Paris said France "fully approves the President's stand."

Heinrich von Brentano, West German foreign minister, said Eisenhower's speech was greeted "with great satisfaction" since it stated the West's approach to the Berlin crisis with "clarity in all its respects." Mayor Willy Brandt said it proves West Berlin can count on the allies for protection against all Communist threats.

Eisenhower coupled his detailed report on the situation in Berlin with a stout defense of his military policies and a sharp warning that congressional cuts in his foreign aid program would seriously weaken America's allies.

The Chief Executive's agreement to a summit conference was qualified. He refused to accept Russia's original deadline of May 27 for the conversion of West Berlin into a free city. He said, however, that the Soviet note of March 2 pointed toward "negotiation on an improved basis."

"It is my hope that thereby all of us can reach agreement with the Soviets on an early meeting at the level of foreign ministers," he said, speaking from his office desk in the White House.

"We have no intention of forgetting our rights or of deserting a free people," he said. "Soviet rulers should remember that free men have, before this, died for so-called 'scraps of paper' which represented duty and honor and freedom."

He said that the Soviet rulers were well aware that global conflict with the weapons of today could destroy civilization, but that the Allies would minimize the risk of war with Russia by standing firm against Soviet terrorism.

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Explorers Spent Two Nights on Mt. Shasta

Twenty-four Explorers from the Big Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America, went to Mt. Shasta for "Operation Ice" last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, according to Gene Schmidt of Medford, chairman for the event. Fourteen other Explorers from the Medford area attended.

Schmidt said the Explorers set up a base camp about three miles from the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl in 15 feet of snow. Two Air Force instructors from Stead Air Force base, Calif., acted as instructors for the Explorers. Four adult leaders went on the trip, Schmidt reported. The Air Force men were Airman third class Kenneth Brad-

ley and Airman third class Bernard Belchak.

Chuck Johnson of Gold Hill assisted Schmidt in the planning, helping organize transportation, equipment and food. Johnson said he thought the outing was successful, matching any past years' trips. Operation Ice is an annual event for the Big Pine Council.

Special instructions were given in snowshoeing. After all had learned the technique, several races were held, according to Johnson. Recreational skiing was planned after the end of scheduled instruction at the ski bowl.

Schmidt said that this trip was just one of several activities planned for Explorers.