

HOUSE APPROVES TWO MAJOR TAX BILLS

Pollution Program Revealed

Three-Point Plan Aired at Meeting Called by Court

Would Reduce Smoke From Orchard Heating

A three-point program for reducing smoke from orchard heating through private cooperation was revealed today by Dunbar Carpenter, chairman of a special fruit growers' committee.

Carpenter discussed the program at a "fact-find" meeting called by the Jackson county court this morning to investigate air pollution in the Rogue Valley.

A spokesman for the state air pollution authority told the group the authority would be "reluctant" to enact specific regulations for controlling pollution in this area.

Prefer Local Solution

James Agee, associate engineer with the authority, said the state could adopt such regulations "if pressed," but would prefer a "local solution" to the problem.

Another step toward smoke-abatement was taken at the meeting when George Flanagan, general manager of Elk Lumber company, told Judge Earl Miller he would be willing to meet with officials of other Medford area lumber mills to consider a cooperative program of their own.

Judge Miller adjourned the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, saying another would be called "some time in the future" for reports on what progress was being made.

Carpenter, chairman of the air pollution committee of the Jackson County Fruit Growers' league, said the league's three-point program was adopted at a meeting Friday.

Written Agreements

He said written agreements from all pear growers were to be sought, pledging:

1. To burn no more tires;
2. To change from open pots to approved heaters at the rate of 20 per cent a year.

The third point in the program he outlined would be to seek education in all possible methods of reducing smoke.

Carpenter admitted the league would have "no actual enforcement officer" to see that these agreements were carried out. But, he said, "Most growers have demonstrated a high amount of cooperation in the past."

Feels Confident

"I feel very confident 95 per cent of the acres heated, if not more, would come under signature," he said.

Bob Norris, field supervisor for Reter Fruit company, stated, "There is no such thing as a smokeless heater. When we get 'smokeless heaters,' he said, 'We'll still have smoke and plenty of it.'"

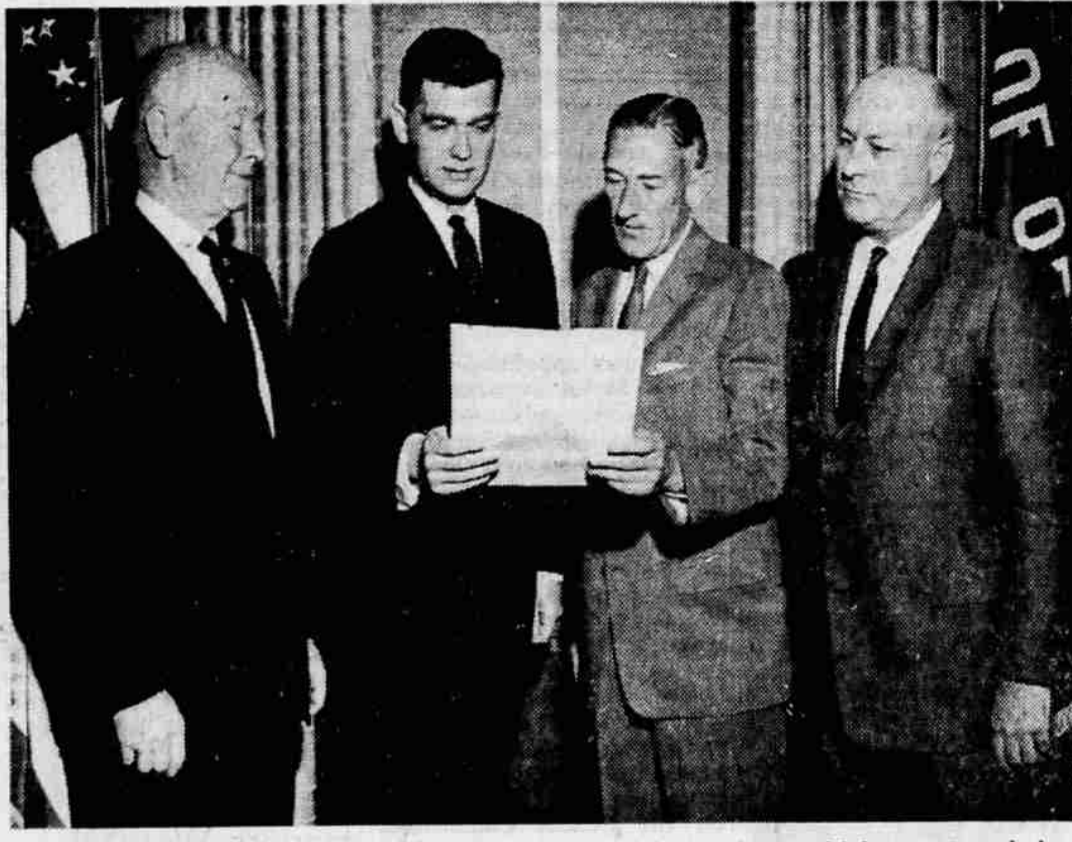
Norris's statement was confirmed by Bill Rogers, meteorologist with the federal fruit frost warning service, who said that with jumbo cone, return-stack or lay-flame heaters soot would be greatly reduced but there would still be smoke.

But Mrs. Frances Brooks, a housewife, commented that "Even if you can cut smoke 50 per cent, that's a help."

"We would be reluctant to make regulations," said Agee speaking for the air pollution authority, "to spell out what types of heaters could be used." He said the authority does have the power to enact such controls, but, "The authority members are not too happy about doing something like that."

But, he conceded, the authority could step into the picture "if pressed" and if no local solutions could apparently be found.

"Before we can enforce anything," he said, "we have to prove there has been a violation of the law." He described such proof as "very difficult."



VIEW COMMISSION—Gov. Mark Hatfield member of the state highway commission looks over commission of Glenn Jackson, yesterday at Salem. With them are, left, third from left, Medford, following ceremony at which Jackson was sworn in as a member of the commission. Also present are Commissioner Kenneth Fridley. (Travel division, highway department photo)

Levies Approved, Directors Named At School Election

Both the rural school levy and the non-high school levy passed with comfortable margins at yesterday's school elections.

Vote Down Levy

Both Rogue River and Evans Valley voted down the rural school levy; Rogue River 162 to 71, and Evans Valley 107 to 54. Evans Valley also voted down the non-high budget 88 to 71 and its own budget, the sum over the 6 per cent limitation, 87 to 71.

The two other remaining non-high districts approved the non-high budget: Applegate 29 to 9 and Pinehurst 18 to 2.

Rogue River approved its budget 156 to 81; Butte Falls 62 to 29, and Pinehurst 16 to 4.

The voting results on various district directors are: Medford, Frank C. Bash, 324; Ashland, Howard Wiley (five-year term), 399; David Fortmiller (four-year term), 602; Dr. Arthur Kreisman (five-year term), write-in vote, 245; District 6C, Wilton White, 193; Eagle Point, Darrell Stanley, 76; Talent, Bruce Cyphers, 45; and Sam James, 25; Prospect, Frank Boothby, 19; Evans Valley, James H. Martin, 85; and William J. Johnston, 76; Rogue River, Dr. Cedric Rimmer, 121; and Dale Hatch, 117; Butte Falls, Ted Fredenberg, 36; and Charles Ferguson, 51; Phoenix, Allen Harris, 323; and Dr. M. Donald McGeary, 186.

Man Treated, Released After Fall Down Bank

Vernon Wells Baker, 57, of 520 North Front st., Medford, was treated and released at Sacred Heart hospital yesterday after he fell down a 20 to 25-foot embankment behind 123 South Riverside ave., into blackberry bushes, city police said.

Police, firemen and Medford Ambulance service men cooperated in getting Baker up the bank.

'Strong Man' of Jordan Announces Resignation

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Ike Calls for Public Opinion In Steel Talks

Intervention in Agreement Hinted

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower called today for mobilization of public opinion against any steel industry wage agreement that would be clearly inflationary.

Some reporters construed Eisenhower's news conference remarks as the first hint of federal intervention if the agreement is inflationary. But he was not clear on this point.

Good Sense Urged

The President appealed to management and labor to use good sense, wisdom and economic statesmanship in the current negotiations.

Otherwise, he said, in the long run the U.S. cannot stand idly by and do nothing.

Eisenhower said he deplored the possibility of putting the government at the collective bargaining table. He also said he disapproved of having to resort to mandatory wage-price controls because, once you do that, it will hurt the American system.

Then he added that he wanted to make clear that he was concerned about the situation and cannot stand idly by.

Entire Public Involved

The President did not say whether he thought any kind of wage increase would be harmful.

The President said in reply to a news conference question that, however deplorable the prospect of government intervention, the steel negotiations involve the entire American public and the economic well-being of the nation.

Warming to the subject, Eisenhower suggested that all Americans make it clear that they are deeply concerned over the long-range effects of the steel negotiations and will not stand idly by if they are to be damaged.

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Local Man Bound Over to Grand Jury

Guy Manning, Grand hotel, Medford, was bound over to the grand jury, on charges of unlawfully obtaining public assistance funds in district court yesterday.

Manning was arrested April 29 by sheriff's deputies and is being held in the Jackson county jail on \$1,500 bail.

James Pullman, Jackson county welfare administrator, had signed the complaint which charged that Manning stated falsely he had no other income and had been receiving welfare assistance money although gainfully employed.

According to officials, Manning has been employed at the Greyhound Bus depot in Medford and had been receiving \$1,700 in welfare funds covering a 1½ year period.

Hal McIntyre Dies As Result of Burns

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Hal McIntyre, 42, leader of one of the nation's top swing bands in the 1940s, died today of burns suffered in an apartment fire.

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon House has defeated 32-26 a Senate-approved measure to let the public utility commissioner require signals at dangerous railroad crossings.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:01 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 4:37 a.m.
New Moon May 7
PROMINENT STAR
Regulus, high in the southwest in the evening twilight.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Jupiter, rises 8:39 p.m.
Venus, sets 10:13 p.m.
Mars, sets 11:26 p.m.



DR. LOUIS JAUQUES To Conduct Sessions

Optometrists to Convene in City Next Weekend

Dr. Louis Jaques, prominent Los Angeles optometrist, will conduct a post-graduate session of the Oregon optometric association convention in Medford May 15-17.

The convention is expected to attract more than 250 optometrists from Oregon and other Pacific northwest states, according to Dr. August W. Glutsch, general chairman.

Dr. Jaques will conduct four post-graduate meetings during the convention. He is author of several optometric papers, and his latest booklet on the role of vision in safe driving is widely circulated by safety organizations.

Business sessions of the state convention will include election of officers and adoption of several resolutions which are presently under study. All activities will be at Rogue Valley Country club, Dr. Glutsch said, including a golf tournament, business and post-graduate sessions, and several luncheons and dinners.

Rainfall Above Average for Month

May showers, which have brought more than normal amounts of precipitation to southern Oregon already, are expected to continue tonight and tomorrow, the weather bureau forecast this morning.

In the 24-hour period ending at 10 a.m. today, precipitation measured .20 of an inch, bringing the total for the month to .44 of an inch, which is .29 above normal.

The storm left 9 inches of new snow at Crater Lake National park, bringing the total on the ground to 67 inches. Chains were required between Anne Springs and the rim today, park officials said.

State police reported this morning there was slush on Highway 99 over the Siskiyou.

The weather bureau said the freezing level today is 6,800 feet, and was not expected to lower too much tonight.

Jefferson Picks Festival Princess

Portland—(UPI)—A former queen of the Junior May Court, Mary Sue Woolfolk, today was chosen Rose Festival Princess from Jefferson high school.

Oregon Cavalcade Nearing Oak, Neb.

Hebron, Neb.—(UPI)—The Oregon Cavalcade was heading west again today and due to reach a point 1.3 miles east of Oak, Neb., tonight.

Portland Man Dies Of Accident Injuries

Portland—(UPI)—Mike Burpee, 21, Portland, injured last Friday night in an accident near Hood River, died Monday in a local hospital. The car-truck crash killed David G. McWaters, 21, Portland, outright.

Dental Charts Identify Virginia Martin's Body

Portland—(UPI)—The Columbia river Monday yielded a second body of the Kenneth R. Martin family of five, missing since last Dec. 7 when they set out in a station wagon to collect Christmas greens.

The decomposed body of Virginia Martin, 13, was found Monday caught in debris in the spillway above Bonneville dam. Her younger sister, Sue, 11, was found floating in the river Sunday by a tugboat operator below the dam about 20 miles.

Hendricks Cove eyed. Still missing are Kenneth R. Martin, 54-year-old service manager for a Portland electrical firm; his wife, Barbara Jean, 48, and their oldest daughter, Barbara, 14.

Sheriff R. L. Gillmoult of Hood River county said he believed the Martin station wagon may have gone into

Ike Visions Summit Talks As Certainty

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower said today a Big Four summit conference later this year is almost a foregone conclusion if the forthcoming Geneva foreign ministers' meeting provides anything in the way of enlarged hope for settling tensions.

He made the statement at a news conference as Secretary of State Christian A. Herter went before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to report on allied strategy for the Geneva sessions starting next Monday.

Eisenhower was asked if he believed the foreign ministers would make progress at Geneva.

He replied that he could not talk in specific terms at this time, but that he did hope there would be some progress.

He then went on to express the opinion that a summit meeting was virtually certain if the foreign ministers create a better basis for East-West discussions on peace.

The President promised that Herter, in his radio-television report to the nation Thursday night, would discuss in some detail the U.S. and the allied attitudes and proposals for the Geneva meetings.

In discussing hopes for progress at Geneva, the President said everyone knows that under the Soviet system only one man could talk with real authority.

On other items of international interest, the President said:

"The U.S. still is unaware of the fate of 11 fliers still missing from the 17-man crew of an unarmed Air Force transport that Soviet fighters shot down over Russian Armenia last Sept. 2. He knew of no reason to believe the 11 are Russian prisoners. However, he told the U.S. ambassador in Moscow Monday to make new representations to secure more information on their fate."

"He can easily understand Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's astonishment and indignation at Communist China's criticism of India for alleged intervention in the affairs of Tibet."

The U.S. is greatly interested in success of India's economic plan and is doing everything it can within reason to help. Whether new "massive" aid is required is something which requires detailed study.

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Passage Major Obstacle To Adjournment

Federal Tax Deduction Out

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon House today passed and sent to the Senate for confirmation the two major tax bills proposed by the Democratic-controlled 50th Oregon legislature.

One bill would eliminate federal income tax deductions on state returns and lower rates. The other would require one per cent interest charges for persons who pay state income taxes by installments.

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon Senate today passed, 17-13, a bill to abolish the State Board of Control. It now goes to the governor.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) carried the major income tax bill on the house floor. Its passage by both houses is one of the major obstacles to adjournment of the Legislature.

Vote on the main income tax measure was 33-27.

Barton said that in contrast to the present tax rates, this bill would lower them, but eliminate the federal tax deduction so that most people's taxes would go up.

"If this bill passes, we will be known far and wide for our lower rates instead of having the reputation of having the highest rates in the nation," Barton said.

Bill a Compromise

The bill was approved by a second conference committee appointed to settle differences between the House and Senate on the bill.

"We haven't done everything that everyone would like to see done," Barton said, "but," he added, "the essence of politics is compromise."

He said there were only three ways to increase taxes—lower exemptions as the Senate favored, raise rates which "no one wanted to do," or eliminate deductions as in the House passed bill.

The federal tax deduction should have been eliminated years ago," Barton said. "Oregon will gain by this move rather than Washington, D.C."

Opposition to the measure was voiced by Rep. Douglas Heider (R-Salem) who said the bill would force acceptance of a sales tax at the next session of the Legislature.

"This is fiscal irresponsibility," Heider said which "violates recommendations of ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, tax expert John F. Sly and Gov. Mark Hatfield."

Another Bill OK'd

The House also passed and sent to the Senate for confirmation House bill two which provides for one per cent interest rate on state income taxes paid currently.

Vote on this measure was 37-22.

Originally the bill provided for no installment payments. This was amended in the Senate to provide for 1-2 of one per cent interest per month. The House then insisted that the rate should be one per cent per month.

Barton commented "as much as we dislike it, we must be tax collectors."

Monte Carlo—(UPI)—Former King Farouk of Egypt has become a Monegasque citizen.

'It's Too Nice A Suit To Alter — Just Scrunch Down And Walk Like A Cripple'



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