

State to Withhold Money Until Colleges Make Better Use of Spaces

Fiscal Committee Irked at Results Of Space Study

Schools Said Wasting Present Classrooms

Salem —(UP)— Legislative fiscal committee members declared Friday that no more money for classroom construction will be given the state system of higher education until higher education comes up with a program to better use the classroom space it already has.

The committee was given the results of a study showing that only about one-fourth of all instructional space in Oregon's state-operated colleges is now being used.

It said that space utilization at the University of Oregon, for example, averages 64 per cent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 41 per cent on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The space utilization study was prepared by state fiscal officer Kenneth Bragg.

The report criticized the system's capital construction policy of "stockpiling" buildings, and added: "Construction of unneeded buildings results in hoarding capital. Because hoarded capital both loses its earning power and reduces the purchasing power of those from whom it was collected in the form of taxes, it is not economically sound."

John R. Richards, chancellor of the state system, told the committee that Bragg's report "is clear in its evidence that classroom space can be used more intensively than at present."

Improvements Cited
He said the colleges have improved on this in recent years and further improvements include a proposal for a six-day week for Oregon colleges.

State Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford) said the space use problem is way past due and told Richards, "you will get more classroom building money only over my dead body."

House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford), State Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) and other committee members also voiced strong feelings. In 1959 the state system asked for \$20,125,000 in building funds and received \$10,062,000. A tentative 10-year program of some \$100 million was adopted.

Richards noted that the report charges that the board of higher education is attempting to build for future rather than present needs.

"I think that this is true but would point out that structures requested of the next legislature are intended for use not earlier than 1963 when enrollments will be considerably higher than at present."

Not Involved
Duncan said he hopes the voters do not confuse this issue with the measure on the November ballot which would authorize bonds for a state bonding program because it is not involved. The measure would permit the state to issue bonds for construction of buildings at state institutions and office buildings in addition to some higher education funds.

There is also a November measure that asks for an increase in the state's bonded indebtedness to build additional self-liquidating higher education facilities.

The fiscal office report said college classrooms in the state system are used about half

Complicated Civil Case Is Nearing End in Court Here

A complicated and dramatic civil case involving a German immigrant and his will is nearing its end here.

Background of the case reads like something out of a Perry Mason story. An investigation covered four years, and cost approximately \$5,300. It reached back to 1845 to a church in Germany where birth, death and marriage records were traced. It turned up one brother in Denmark and 12 other relatives in West Germany and the United States.

Hinging on the investigation was an estate valued at over \$50,000 left by August Lorenzen, German carpenter, who had migrated to this country about the turn of the century, and died in Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 23, 1955, after residing in Medford for several years. The estate includes some oil wells near Shelby, Mont.

Others Involved
The case also involves Marie K. Kiddle, former executrix of Lorenzen's estate, who was his housekeeper and claimed to be his daughter. She was also Lorenzen's nurse in Medford and California.

The lengthy investigation also included Mrs. Kiddle's background to prove to the court that she was not Lorenzen's daughter, and that Lorenzen had actually died a bachelor. The investigation revealed that Mrs. Kiddle married seven times, and used the first names of both Marie and Opal.

A series of legal actions were started against her in 1956 by Medford attorneys on behalf of Lorens Lorenzen, of Shelby, Mont., brother to Lorenzen, who sought successfully to recover the estate in Jackson county circuit court. The legal action includes 41 witnesses, 17 of which were depositions taken in Minnesota, Washington, eastern Oregon, Sacramento, Calif., Texas and Oklahoma.

Judge Signs Order
Finally, on June 29, 1959, Charles S. Woodrich, Douglas county circuit court judge, presiding over the case here, signed an order and decree settling aside the "alleged will" of August Lorenzen dated Dec. 13, 1955, and Marion L. Langley, Medford, was declared the new administratrix of the estate. In companion litigation on March 4, 1960, Mrs. Kiddle was ordered to deliver all the money, property and benefits from the Lorenzen estate. She had 10 days in which to comply, but according to current charges she disappeared.

She was arrested by Jackson county sheriff's officers Thursday, and is being held in the Jackson county jail on charges of contempt of court. A hearing will be set before Judge Woodrich here in the near future.

In his oral opinion, Judge Woodrich stated the will was "a product of undue influence exercised by Marie K. Kiddle over the decedent." Dominance is shown by the respective physical conditions of the two parties. (Lorenzen was an invalid since 1926.)

It is shown also, according to his opinion, "by the almost complete control over all of his financial affairs within a relatively short time and the testimony that she could handle him and could get money out of him."

Testimony in Court
Testimony showed that in August, 1955, Mrs. Kiddle got Lorenzen to sign a blank check with which she bought a new car costing \$2,350, and took title in the name of Marie K. and former husband, George Duke Oliver.

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In September, 1955, according to evidence presented, she got Lorenzen to sign another blank check with which she paid \$1,800 down on a trailer house. In September, 1955, \$1,000 was deposited to a bank account in Medford under the name of Marie K. Oliver. After purchase of the house trailer, the housekeeper and Lorenzen moved out of the house at 1100 Spring st., where he was living, and never returned. They lived in various trailer courts around town, according to testimony.

By Thanksgiving of 1955, Lorenzen had become seriously ill and although urged by a doctor to place him in a hospital she did not do so. Within a few days she took the ill man to Sacramento, Calif., testimony revealed.

Soon after their arrival she contacted a Howard Tom, a real estate man and notary public, who took her word that she was Lorenzen's daughter, and prepared 12 documents, including the will. The property estimated in excess of \$50,000 was not inventoried. Lorenzen died Dec. 23, 1955, according to court testimony.

Call Attorneys
After Mrs. Kiddle acquired all of the various properties owned by Lorenzen, Lorens Lorenzen, only known living relative then of Lorenzen called Medford attorneys.

He had become suspicious as notification of property disposals appeared in papers there. He requested an investigation of his brother's death and will, records show. Much of the cash in the Lorenzen estate had been spent by January, 1956.

Shortly after this date the attorneys representing the brother filed an injunction and a suit to set the will aside. They petitioned the court for appointment of a new administratrix of the estate. They then found they had to file a will contest suit, which was tried for three weeks in 1958 and 1959, according to records.

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Grange News

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Fishermen Must Register in June

Salem —(UP)— The Oregon Agriculture department advised Oregon coastal fishermen Friday they have until June 20 to register for their referendum on a proposal to create a state seafoods commission.

Registration blanks were mailed to all known commercial fishermen last month. Agriculture Director James F. Short said only 125 of a possible 850 seafood producers have returned the forms so far.

Washington —(UP)— The United States has sent a new protest to Cuba condemning "continued dissemination of baseless charges" against this country, the State Department revealed today.

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Salem —(UP)— The governor's advisory committee on government reorganization met here Wednesday and discussed the general topics of protection of persons, property and natural resources.

Pala, Calif. —(UP)— A man trapped for more than nine hours by a cave-in at a mine on the Pala Indian Reservation in San Diego County was rescued today and reported in good condition.

Salem —(UP)— Oregon exports of eggs, chicks, turkey poult, cattle and horses in April went to such markets as Guam, Spain, The Philippines, Iran, Korea, Taiwan, British West Indies and Canada.

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