

Oregon Fraternal Groups To Feel Tax Bite

Properties To Be Assessed Under Commission Rule

Assessors Decide On Harder Look

Salem—Millions of dollars worth of property belonging to fraternal organizations in Oregon will go on the tax rolls for the first time next year, the Oregon Tax Commission said Tuesday.

The exact amount is not known because most of the properties involved have not been assessed. Commission Chairman Charles Mack said the decision was made by county assessors at a meeting with the commission Nov. 21.

A commission statement said the action is due to "irregular practices" by assessors in various counties.

Some assessors have not assessed fraternal properties even though they are not exempt under the law, the commission said.

The law says property of charitable, benevolent and scientific institutions may be exempt from taxation but to qualify, buildings must be used solely for the purpose for which the groups are chartered.

Questionable Area
"It's been a questionable area for years," Mack said. He said the assessors themselves decided to take a harder look at these exemptions.

Lane County assessor Kenneth Onild said fraternal groups and lodges in the past have received full exemptions in Lane county.

But he said the law did not support these exemptions, since "these groups are set up for the use and pleasure of members, and charitable work is not their primary concern."

Robert Kline of Toledo, Lincoln county assessor and president of the Oregon Association of County Assessors, said he believes all 36 counties have some additional property that will go on the rolls.

Matter of Interpretation
Some buildings of fraternal groups are already on the tax rolls while in other counties buildings belonging to the same group are not.

"It's been a matter of interpretation of the law," Kline said. "Assessors used quite a bit of latitude and the idea now is to make the whole thing uniform."

Kline said state tax officials gave the assessors an opinion several months ago that it "appeared" that property of fraternal groups was taxable.

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS SCHOOL INTEGRATION MOVE IN LOUISIANA

17 State Laws Declared To Be Unconstitutional

Last Legal Hopes Lost in Decision

New Orleans—A federal court today struck down state segregation moves and two white parents, the lone holdouts against a student boycott, slipped their daughters in the back door of an integrated school.

The court struck down one of the last legal hopes of Southern segregationists—the theory of interposition—and declared 17 state laws and five resolutions unconstitutional. Segregationist leaders said it was a "sad moment" but indicated they would ignore the ruling.

Minister Braves Crowds
It was almost too late. The two elementary schools that the court long ago ordered integrated were practically segregated—two white students and four Negro students.

The Rev. Andrew Foreman braved crowds of sometimes violent hecklers to take his daughter, Pamela Lynn, 5, in the back door of William Frantz Elementary School. Police held a crowd of about 100 persons at the front of the building.

Second Child Enters
Two hours after school began, a white woman who was attacked by the crowd Tuesday led her child in the back door. Mrs. James Gabrielle took Yolanda, 6, to school herself after asking for a police escort.

The crowd missed her as she went in, but gave chase when she left the school. Mrs. Gabrielle didn't run, and police stopped the women chasing her.

Guide Dog Saves Master from Injury

Ashland—Al Kinser and his guide dog, Timmy, who delivered the Ashland Tidings in the downtown Ashland district each afternoon, escaped injury when glass from a falling window pane shattered on the sidewalk in front of them Tuesday morning.

It was Timmy's quick action that kept his blind master from being directly under glass that had been blown from a ninth floor window of the Mark Antony hotel at First and Main sts.

This is the second time that Timmy, a black Labrador retriever, has pushed his master from danger. Last year, the guide dog was presented a medal for bravery as the result of having saved Kinser from a runaway truck that veered across Main st. and crashed into a shop window. On that occasion both master and dog suffered minor cuts from flying glass. Kinser lives in Talent with his wife and children.

Snowstorm Batters Western New York

By United Press International
A fierce snowstorm pummeled western New York state today.

It dumped up to 18 inches of snow on the Buffalo area, crippled transportation and closed schools.

Drifts piled four feet deep in some outlying areas. Bitter cold gripped the Northern Plains in the wake of blizzards and fast-moving snowstorms and freezing weather speared deep into the Gulf states.

Coed Believed Kidnaped From Scene of Murder

Portland—Sheriff's officers said today they believed missing coed Beverly Ann Allan, 19, was abducted from the spot where her boyfriend was slain last week end.

Chances for the girl's life, "are getting thinner all the time," Sheriff Francis Lambert said. Officers believe Larry Ralph Peyton, 19, a student at Portland State College here, died in a violent struggle to protect his pretty girl friend in a lovers' lane.

Argentina, Venezuela End Revolts

By United Press International
Army troops in Argentina and Venezuela today crushed armed extremist attempts to topple the constitutional governments of those countries.

In Argentina, rightist diehard followers of ousted Dictator Juan D. Peron failed in a bid to topple the Arturo Frondizi regime with attacks on army garrisons in two major cities.

Army Tightens Grip
In Venezuela, the army tightened its grip on the capital city of Caracas to foil leftist plans to use the labor movement to foment civil strife.

The political turbulence in the two big South American nations put more than a third of the South American continent under direct or indirect military rule.

Argentina and Venezuela were the seventh and eighth nations in the hemisphere to resort to force to subdue civil strife in as many weeks.

Earlier this month, Guatemala and Nicaragua crushed internal revolts which they said were inspired or supported by Cuba, and the United States established a naval patrol off their coasts to prevent invasion.

Martial Law Declared
Haiti mobilized its army and declared martial law when students called a nationwide strike which the govern-

ment described as a prelude to a Cuban-supported revolt to overthrow the government. Honduras and Costa Rica called out their armed forces to turn back armed rebels seeking to use them as invasion bases for the attacks against Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Last month, the constitutional government of El Salvador was overthrown by a civilian-military junta of leftist leanings and a pronounced pro-Castro bent.

Court Continues Motion Arguments Until Thursday

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly yesterday afternoon continued until tomorrow arguments on motions to quash and to set aside eight indictments in the O. H. Bengston case involving charges of embezzlement of funds from the Medford Escrow company.

One of Bengston's attorneys, Richard R. Carney, Portland, protested that he would prefer to continue the arguments next week because of his schedule. However, Judge Kelly reaffirmed the time set as 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

"The court does not wish to drag this case out any longer than absolutely necessary," Judge Kelly said. "I assume that since you will not be here Mr. Boyer (Robert Boyer, Medford lawyer also representing Bengston) certainly will be and he can argue in Mr. Bengston's behalf. There have already been letters to the Mail Tribune protesting that Mr. Bengston is receiving preferential treatment since he is a member of the bar."

In Charge of Trial
Carney protested that he has been in charge of the trial. As far as preferential treatment is concerned, "another defendant in the case has not been brought to trial at all." He was referring to Rachel Peterson Carter, Jacksonville, former officer in the Medford Escrow company.

In the motions to set aside the indictments, it was charged that seven members on the October grand jury which returned the indictments were not selected and drawn in accordance with the constitution and law of the state.

The court also failed to examine the jurors as to their qualifications, that the county clerk, in preparing the preliminary jury list, "discriminatorily and arbitrarily" excluded persons over 70 years old and other persons in certain occupations, and that the county clerk failed to select the jurors by lot, according to the motions.

Deputy District Attorney Brian Mullen argued that "there is nothing in the motions to indicate unfair treatment, fraud, and prejudice, and that no fraud or prejudice is shown by the county clerk in making the jury selection."

The arguments were continued to allow Bengston's attorneys to cite authority or file other affidavits other than the one from County Clerk Marvin Madden as to selection of the jury list, and to allow the district attorney's office to file counter or explanatory affidavits.

BOND SALE APPROVED

Salem—Public utility commissioner Jonel C. Hill today authorized the sale by Oregon-Washington Telephone Co. of \$1.5 million in five percent first mortgage bonds and 19,000 shares of its no par value common stock. The proceeds will pay for construction, completion, extension and improvement of current facilities.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness with chance of occasional showers tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 35-38. High Thursday 48.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:40 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:21 a.m. Moonset tomorrow 5:29 a.m. Full Moon Dec. 2

The planet Mercury rises a bit later each morning and will soon be lost in the rays of the rising sun. Mercury's next appearance, as an evening planet, will be early in February.

Multnomah County 'Moonlighting' Law Upheld by Oregon Supreme Court

Salem—The state law prohibiting "moonlighting," or holding a second job, by Multnomah county employees is constitutional, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled today.

The decision by Justice Alfred T. Goodwin reversed a decree restraining Multnomah County Sheriff Francis Lambert from enforcing an order prohibiting outside employment by members of his department.

that the statute was unconstitutional.

The legislature passed a special law pertaining to moonlighting in Multnomah county.

Goodwin said there was no merit to the contention that limitation of the statute to Multnomah county made it unreasonable, arbitrary and "special or class legislation" plus the contention that it was unconstitutional as local legislation.

He also disagreed that the law denies Multnomah county

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BIG TILE—At the point where new Highway 99 freeway will cross Table Rock rd., some 475 feet of 36-inch concrete tile is currently being laid as a passageway for a 6-inch water main. According to Clay Sugg, foreman of the project, the tile will allow water to escape in the event there is any leakage from the main, thus preventing undermining or softening of the M. C. Lininger and Sons, Medford, are contractors for the job.

Permits for Trees To Be Available in National Forest

With Christmas again at hand, most ranger districts in the Rogue River National forest are now, or soon will be, issuing Christmas tree-cutting permits to area residents. The procedure for obtaining trees this year will be essentially the same as in past years.

Tom Harlan, administrative assistant for the Rogue River National forest, said tree-cutting permits should be obtainable from the ranger station having charge of a particular district. Personnel at the ranger stations also will direct persons to the proper cutting areas.

The types of trees in each district and the dates on which they will be made available, are as follows:

Union creek—Shasta fir will be available at \$1 a tree. Permits are already being issued and will be issued every day between now and Christmas from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Available Free
Butte Falls-A limited number of Douglas and White fir will be available free. Per-

Sites Foundation Announces Plans To Restore Hotel

Plans to restore the U.S. hotel in Jacksonville to its condition during the pioneer town's heyday have been announced by Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation.

The Foundation plans to hold its December meeting in the hotel to inaugurate the work.

Foundation officials said they hope restoration of the U.S. hotel will be the first step in a complete restoration of Jacksonville.

Volunteer labor, materials and work supervision will be utilized in the structural renovation of the hotel, the Foundation said.

The Medford Building Trades Council, through the efforts of Charles Cray, has agreed to provide labor. Jack Batzar, Medford, has volunteered his services as general contractor, and Jeffrey Shute of the R. J. Keeney firm is the architect. Marquess and Marguess, Medford, will serve as consulting engineers.

Certain woodwork and turnings will be done by students in Jackson county school shops, the Foundation said, and local dealers are being approached to donate materials. The Foundation's building committee said much material already has been donated or promised.

Co-chairmen of the rebuilding effort for the Foundation are Dr. Frank Haines, Southern Oregon college, Ashland; G. W. Brewer, Jacksonville; and Jack Sutton, Grants Pass.

Other groups prominent in the work include the Jacksonville Lions club and the Jacksonville city council.

The Foundation said the first step in rebuilding will be to replace the balcony in front of the hotel. After this is complete, the rear wall and the wing wall of the hotel will be rebuilt before the interior is restored.

No Commitment Made on Voorhies Freeway Crossing

The Jackson county court this morning read a letter from Medford Chamber of Commerce President Gerald Latham urging immediate action on a proposed road and freeway overpass from Voorhies crossing to the North Phoenix rd.

However, a letter from the bureau of public roads office in Portland did not commit it to construction of the overpass.

County Judge Earl Miller said the county court has been working for two months to provide the cross-valley link, and he had written to the bureau Nov. 10 requesting inclusion of the overpass in the freeway construction program.

"Situations involving urban expansion after construction of the interstate (freeway) will undoubtedly develop in many areas. Each will be considered on its merits at the time plans for urban ex-

pansion are made firm and funds for financing urban expansion become available," according to the letter signed by R. J. McClarty, acting regional engineer, bureau of public roads.

Might Be Eligible
"Commitments cannot be made now for providing access to areas that are expected to be developed at a future time," McClarty wrote.

"However, it would appear that some of the more important crossroads to be developed in the future might be eligible for inclusion in either federal aid primary or secondary systems."

Action to include any road in the federal aid system must be initiated by the state, the regional engineer explained. All pertinent data should be presented to the state highway department, he said.

The matter may be discussed further with Division Engineer Clifford G. Polk of the state highway department in Salem, McClarty suggested.

Latham wrote that the chamber's highway committee "can foresee serious conflicts caused by local traffic congestion on Barnett rd. at the freeway interchange. They (committee members) are firmly convinced the crossing is needed to soften this conflict by diffusing a sizeable portion of the local traffic."

Latham wrote that the chamber's board of directors had approved the committee's recommendation. The Jackson county planning commission has also made such a recommendation.

Miller has referred the matter first to highway commission engineers, then failing to get a satisfactory answer had written the bureau of public roads.

Seed Growers Told Reason for Concern

Portland—Sen. Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.), told delegates to the 20th annual Oregon Seed Growers League convention Tuesday that Oregon farmers have reason to be concerned with present imports of cattle, sheep, lambs, wool, oats, cherries filberts and fescue seed.

Plea Made for Toys in Ashland

Ashland—The Ashland post of the American Legion made an appeal to Ashland citizens Tuesday for contributions of used toys to be repaired and distributed to needy children at Christmas.

Toys may be taken to the Ashland fire hall or the Legion can arrange to pick them up. Ashland firemen will make mechanical repairs. The toys will then be taken to the White City Domiciliary for painting and carpentry repair work.

Further information on the Legion's project may be obtained from Carrol Anderson, Legion commander, or Clarence Mathes, past commander.

Wind Blows Down Trees Near BF

The Jackson county road department was called to clear two trees from Cobleigh rd., two miles from Butte Falls, after they narrowly missed falling on a car during last night's gusty winds.

Lloyd Boussie, Obenchain rd., Butte Falls, told state police he was traveling north about 35 miles per hour when a tree nine inches in diameter fell in front of the car. Boussie was unable to stop, and ran into the tree. A limb caused minor damage to a car door. Another tree fell behind the car, and Boussie had to walk out.

County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen said the trees have been cleared from the road by now.

Post Office Move To Seattle Started

Portland—They began hauling away equipment for the Northwest regional post office Tuesday night as Oregon planned a last-ditch appeal in court to halt headquarters' movement from here to Seattle.

A fleet of trucks hauled away furniture and equipment from the regional headquarters here. The official transfer was ordered by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield to be effective Thursday.

He was stabbed 23 times and struck over the head.

Search in the wooded Forest Park area continued without letup in hopes of finding out what happened to the girl and clues to the slaying of young Peyton. Sheriff's deputies and bloodhounds combed the area without finding anything to help them crack the case.

Meanwhile funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday for Peyton.