

Land Board Begg For Applicants Seeking Loans

Salem—The State Land Board is begging for applicants who want to borrow some \$10 million in farm, home and business loans. The available chunk of money was brought to light by Board Secretary E. T. Pierce Tuesday during a Ways and Means subcommittee hearing.

Pierce's comments followed some quizzing by Reps. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), and George Annala (D-Hood River). The main reason the money is now invested in average 3 per cent bonds instead of 5.5 per cent loans, Pierce said, is that the board lacks enough applications from persons who want to borrow.

'Safe' Loans Sought
In addition, Pierce said, the board seeks situations where it will be sure the money is "safely invested."

"Some people don't know that the money is available for loans," Pierce told the subcommittee.

The money involved is the \$15 million irrevocable state loan fund, for which the State Land Board acts as trustee.

Barton said he considers it a mistake that only \$5 million of the fund was loaned at average 5.5 per cent interest rates, while some \$10 million was invested in bonds that returned only about 3 per cent to the state.

'Tight Money' Mentioned
Barton said he was particularly concerned in view of the present "tight money" situation.

Barton said he was interested in the possibility of liberalizing the loan laws to make larger loans possible.

The loans now are granted on 50 per cent of farm land value, and 50 per cent of the value of buildings and land in cities.

Barton said the loans might be increased to 60 per cent.



PENNANT WINNER—A pennant winner in the beauty league, Dorrie Levine, 20, is a delight to the eyes as she displays pennants in New York City during a session of the National College Queen contest. Dorrie, an English major and a senior at Hunter College, hopes to gain the New York City crown so that she can complete in the national finals in June. (UPI Telephoto)

Legion Calls for Prayers for JFK

On the eve of the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy, the American Legion has called upon its network of 17,000 local posts to spur nationwide prayers asking "God to give the new President the strength, wisdom and guidance necessary to carry out his duties."

Lind McBeth, commander of Centennial Post No. 100 of the American Legion at Jacksonville, said this measure had been urged by the Legion's national executive committee.

McBeth said that the recommendation was being passed on to clergymen here with the hope that each would include suitable prayers in services this week end.

"Although the American Legion is a completely non-sectarian organization," McBeth said, "the organization was founded on broad religious principles and believes that a deep and abiding faith in God is basic to American life."

Kennedy Regime May Bring Resurgence of GOP in Oregon

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune
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Washington—Will the years ahead under the Kennedy administration bring a resurgence of Republican strength in Oregon?

If recent history is any guidepost for the future, there may be just such a paradoxical development. It didn't happen immediately with Eisenhower's election in 1952—in fact, Oregon had an all Republican delegation after that election, except for Sen. Wayne Morse, who had bolted the party during the election campaign and was calling himself an independent.

But in the next election, 1954, the Democrats captured a Senate seat when the late Richard L. Neuberger nosed out Sen. Guy Cordon by fewer than 2500 votes; and Rep. Edith Green won the Portland congressional district from Morse registered as a Democrat and Oregon's Republican strength was badly shaken.

Held Top Offices
In the State House, Gov. Paul Patterson had succeeded Douglas McKay, who had gone to Washington to be in the Eisenhower cabinet, so the Republicans held the top state offices. And they retained three of the four congressional seats.

Came the 1956 election and

Morse defeated McKay, this time running as a full-fledged Democrat; Rep. Al Ullman beat incumbent Sam Coon in eastern Oregon, and Charles O. Porter beat Harris Ellsworth in the fourth district.

All this happened in a state which had given short shrift to New Deal liberalism therefore, and which even then was giving big margins of election support to President Eisenhower. Nevertheless, during the Grand Old Party's rebirth nationally during the Eisenhower years, it fell to its lowest point in Oregon, losing even the governorship and all but one seat in Congress.

Then in 1958 the Republicans regained the governorship with Mark Hatfield. And this past election, when Kennedy was elected, the Democrats lost one congressional seat when Rep. Edwin R. Durno defeated Porter.

Morse Up for Re-election
What will happen in 1962 remains to be seen. Sen. Morse will be up for re-election once again, as will all four Oregon congressmen and the governor. It will be a major political year for the state, perhaps a decisive one for the ideological flavor of the years immediately ahead.

Many factors influence the outcome of elections—the skills, ages, views and personalities of the candidates, chief among them. But there is a mysterious kind of informal checks and balances system that the Founding Fathers may not have envisioned, but which makes its mark nevertheless.

Once a new president is granted the powers of his office, he and his policies go on trial with the electorate. At the very next election, he is not on the ballot but his policies are. Congressional candidates may succeed or fail in that election, depending on whether they defend or repu-

New Secretary Is Named at Ashland Y

Ashland—At the annual meeting of the Ashland Y M C A Monday, announcement was made of the selection of a new secretary, Don Cowan of New Westminster, B.C.

The new secretary and his family will arrive about April 1. Nine directors were also elected during the business session conducted by Paul Workman, president of the board.

Selected for the ensuing year were Harry Wright, Dr. John Reynolds, Ross Johnston, Dr. Dan Engle, Fred Smith, the Rev. James Sinclair and Frank Pinnock. Pierre Roberts was elected to a two-year term, and Arthur Peters to a one-year term.

Guest speaker at the dinner meeting was Dr. J. E. Anderson, Salem, who was introduced by the national area councilman, Arthur Peters. Entertainment was furnished by seven Southern Oregon college students who presented Hawaiian dances.

The first attempt at mining of potash in Canada was made in the 1950s at Unley, Sask., 120 miles west of Saskatoon.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

MISS CHOU CHOU HORNTOOT reports that she met a famous writer on international affairs charging down Madison Avenue with a bulky package under his arm. Asked to account for his haste, he explained, "I've just finished the last chapter of my new world history, and I want to get it to my publisher before some new damn thing happens."

Spotted on a gravestone in Cape Town, South Africa: "In memory of our father: gone to join his appendix, his tonsils, his kidney, his eardrum, and a leg erroneously amputated by an interne who craved the experience."

Poem composed by a 9-year-old student at a Friends' School: "The wind may be invisible. But it certainly can make you miserable."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As required by law and custom, outgoing President Eisenhower sends to the congress the following budget estimates for the fiscal year of 1962, which will end on June 30, 1962, 18 months hence:
Income \$82,333,000,000
Expense \$80,866,000,000
Surplus \$1,468,000,000

FOR the current fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 1961, approximately five months hence, he foresees income, expense and surplus as follows:
Income \$79,024,000,000
Expense \$78,945,000,000
Surplus \$79,000,000

(ACCORDING to law and custom, incoming President Kennedy won't submit a budget of his own this year. But he will suggest piecemeal changes in the Eisenhower budget.)

SOME more figures, based on these estimates:
At the end of this current fiscal year, which comes on June 30, the national debt will be \$284,900,000,000.
At the end of the NEXT fiscal year (which will come on June 30, 1962) the national debt will be \$283,400,000,000.

WHICH is to say:
At the current rate of 79 million dollars a year, it would take us 3,075 years to pay off our national debt.

But—
At the rate of the 1962 fiscal year (which is estimated to yield a surplus of \$1,468,000,000) it would take us only 195 years to pay off our national debt—assuming, of course, that in these intervening years we didn't get extravagant and run up a big deficit.

SO—
You see—
WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS.
If we could keep on doing as well as Ike piously HOPES we can be able to do in 1962, we could be out of debt in less than 200 years.

IN CONCLUSION, in order to keep our spirits up and our faith in the future alive, let's fall back on Mr. Micawber's recipe for happiness, as set forth in Dickens' immortal David Copperfield:

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditures nineteen, result HAPPINESS. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditures twenty pounds ought and six, result MISERY."

TO VISIT U.A.R.
Cairo, U.A.R.—The Cairo newspaper Al Misa said Tuesday that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev probably will visit the United Arab Republic in the spring. Vice President Abdel Hakim Amer invited Khrushchev during his visit to Moscow last month.

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