

Growth Trend Is Noted in Savings, Loan '60 Report

The First Federal Savings and Loan association of Medford, 29 North Ivy st., has reported a trend of growth and prosperity in 1960, "following the pattern of previous post-war years."

In its 66th semi-annual financial statement issued December 31, the association reported a 16 per cent gain in reserves raising the total to some \$371,458.57.

During the year, assets increased 7 per cent to a total of \$5,672,963.38, and a 9 per cent increase in savings boosted the total to \$4,889,012.75. Loans tallied \$5,013,006.31, an 8 per cent increase. The total loans made during the year exceeded \$1,250,000, according to Robert F. Kyle, executive vice president.

Kyle pointed out that the 1,474 savings accounts maintained a year ago have increased now to 1,673. He said the association expects "continued steady growth" in savings during 1961, and loans should continue to "hold strong."

In the December report, the organization also told plans for the construction of a modern office with off-street parking at 201 West Sixth st., Medford. Occupancy is expected within a year.

Officers and staff members of First Federal include Herbert G. Grey, president; John Niedermeyer, vice president; John E. Myers, secretary; Mary Jane Myers, treasurer; Jeraldyn Jerome, cashier; Marlys Harsh, assistant cashier; and Kyle. Directors include B. L. Nutting, Harry C. Skyrman, Grey, Niedermeyer, Myers, and Kyle.

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Weather Officers Sought in Service

Klamath Falls - A government-paid college education and an Air Force commission will be offered all those who qualify for the weather officer training, according to Maj. William Harris, weather officer at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls.

Although 30 semester hours of college credits are generally a minimum requirement for acceptance into the program, individuals with prior meteorological experience will be considered, he said.

"The Air Force will realize a critical shortage of qualified weather officers during the coming years," Major Harris said. "In an effort to fill the many predicted vacancies the Air Force Weather Service is conducting an education and training program which offers almost unlimited opportunity for advancement and growth."



By
Marguerite W. Wright

DRIVING ENERGY

The restless, driving personal energy of two outstanding Oregon legislators is probably the most important factor in the productive speed and plan with which the Legislature rounded out its second week.

The two dynamos are House Speaker Robert B. Duncan (D-Medford) and Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), co-chairman of the Joint Ways and Means committee.

By week's end, the Ways and Means committee, which handles all the money bills (requests for appropriations), had already approved budgets for seven state boards and commissions—something which has never before happened this early in a session.

By working seven days a week, Barton and his cohorts have their schedules so well in hand that night meetings already are being held.

On a Sunday afternoon, Barton and his wife, Mae, who serves as his secretary, can be found in the empty, echoing marble halls of the Statehouse, working out the program for the next week's activities.

Duncan, with his wife, Marjane, and with Beth Wilson, his two secretaries, likewise occupies the Speaker's office for long, wearying hours to expedite the heavy work-load that burdens the 1961 session. In addition, the peripatetic Speaker has a busy schedule of speaking appearances that is giving rise to increased speculation about the Medford's attorney's possible intention to run for governor in 1962.

First bill, of the 389 introduced by the end of the second week, to become law was signed by Acting Gov. Harry Bolvin (senate president on duty in the governor's chair while Gov. Mark Hatfield was attending the Kennedy inauguration).

The bill appropriated \$1,250,000 for the expenses of operating the 1961 Legislative Assembly.

Out of that sum will come the salaries of legislators, their secretaries, legislative employees, stationery, books, office supplies, and the heavy costs of printing, plus the money for out-of-pocket expenses which the lawmakers have voted for themselves in a controversial resolution whose legality still is in question.

And, as the lawmakers, in a penny-pinching mood, go over the budget requests from other state government agencies, determined to cut spending wherever possible, they are sure to be reminded that this legislature, costing a million and a quarter dollars, will likely be the most expensive in the state's history.

Most newsworthy information received by the legislators the past week was the report prepared by Legislative Fiscal Officer Kenneth Bragg, reviewing Hatfield's 1961-63 budget.

In it, Bragg anticipated another big, "unplanned-for" surplus in the state's revenues, questioned the real need for some of the new building program proposed by the governor, and wondered whether the state wasn't hiring too many people.

He suggested it might be better to have fewer, more capable state employees and pay them better, than to have a lot of people working for lower wages.

This thick complex report is bound to become a sourcebook of much argument as the session continues. Its very existence and the facts that it will bring to light vindicates the wisdom of the 1959 Legislature which created the fiscal officer post.

In the past, legislators were perhaps too willing to take the easy way out in money matters, accepting without much question (because they themselves were not too well informed) the statements and conclusions of the governor and of the state finance department in regard to the state's finances.

Now there is a finance expert, responsible to the Legislature, who makes it his business to ask questions, probe motives, and draw independent conclusions without any regard to political ramifications. A certain result is that areas of government hitherto largely ignored or taken for granted will be thrown into public controversy.

Hatfield and his finance people.

Meanwhile, readers may wonder why it should cost \$1,250,000 to run a legislative session lasting maybe 100 days.

First, the lawmakers themselves get \$600 for the session (technically, for all of 1961, because they are elected for two-year terms and get \$1,200 per term if representatives and four-year terms at \$600 per year if senators).

Then, each legislator is allowed one secretary (presiding officers get two). Secretaries get \$17 per calendar day; that means they are paid seven days a week no matter how many days or how many hours, including "overtime," they may work. For a 100-day session, then, a secretary would get \$1,700.

This amount enables them to pay their living expenses, but they won't get rich at the expense of the taxpayers, that's for sure!

A double room (with shower) in the old wing of Salem's biggest hotel costs \$6.50 per day; in the new section, it is \$9 per day. Tasty, nourishing breakfasts and lunches at the Capitol Coffee Shop run from 50 cents to \$1.00; a steak dinner in a good Salem restaurant costs \$2.50 and up. For two people, then, the daily food bill would run around \$10. (Lobbyists are all too willing to pick up the tab for drinks and dinner for legislators, but most lawmakers prefer to pay their own way most of the time.)

Take out room and board and there's not much left for coffee breaks, in-town transportation, laundry, dry-cleaning, telephone calls, and all the other "little things" that can knock any housewife's budget out of kilter.

Some lawmakers try to stretch their money further by living in motels, apartments, or trailers, or renting a furnished Salem house (while the owners vacation in sunny California on the rent money), and doing their own cooking.

A few commute to their own homes, running up their gas bills.

Most legislators have children as well as wives to support. Rep. Dick Eymann (D-Mohawk) has nine; Speaker Duncan has five with No. 6 due in March. Obviously, their salary as legislators wouldn't allow for any frivolous gimcracks!

The legislators' determination to get more money somehow, either by a set allowance for expenses or by a pay raise approved by the voters (another bill for this is coming up), is therefore understandable.

Make no mistake, the working wives earn their pay. Ability to type or take dictation isn't absolutely essential to a lawmaker's secretary, although many (like Medford Rep. John Dellenback's wife) have brushed up on their shorthand. Legislative wives make up in enthusiasm, political awareness, social gamesmanship, familiarity with the home folks and constituents, and devotion to their husband's welfare what they may lack in the usual secretarial skills.

Some of the unmarried secretaries sometimes lack professional training. Too. At one session a salon would come type did his secretary's typing for her; she may not have been able to type but evidently had other desirable qualities!

Jobs as secretaries and committee clerks are sought with an eagerness only partially explained by the pay—\$22 for some of the clerks.

In a town as politically hep as Salem, there is a certain prestige value in legislative jobs. Wives of well-to-do businessmen or established state officials are as competitive for these jobs as middle class housewives who biennially seek work to eke out a meager family income.

So the Legislature's working women include pert young things clickety-clacking down the gleaming corridors in their spike heels, fur-draped dowagers, harried mothers (who have to do the housework after they get home at night), and grandmothers (whose families are grown).

Certainly most of them are performing a useful public service, and, especially the committee clerks, have had years of experience. This experience, the skill and wide acquaintance acquired assures Republican women of jobs even though legislative leadership is in the hands of Democrats - a factor in the jealousy, back-biting and intrigue which always plays a part in the backstage scene at the Statehouse.

Two Injured in Sunday Accident

Two persons sustained apparently minor injuries in a two-car collision at the intersection of Nantico and Alice sts., Sunday about 3:30 p.m.

Medford police said Valla Elaine Close, 38, of 1001 North Central ave., and William Perry French, 46, of 1306 1/2 North Riverside ave., complained of minor injuries at the accident, but refused medical aid at that time.

Both injured persons were passengers in a car operated by LeRoy Close, 48, of 1001 North Central ave. The Close vehicle collided with a car operated by Clayton Douglas Batten, 17, of 816 North Riverside ave.

Police cited Close for failure to yield the right of way to a vehicle on the right.

Hospital Escapee Caught After Chase

McMinnville - (UPI) - An Oregon State hospital escapee was captured here early Sunday after a high-speed automobile chase.

The escapee, Rulon Wells Hicks Jr., Klamath Falls, was taken into custody by Amity Police Chief Jack Stafford and a McMinnville police department officer after his car struck a curb and stopped.

Hicks escaped from the state hospital at Salem Saturday night.

require little training or know-how, but considerable political savvy and an in with the "right" people. These are the patronage jobs for which the scramble begins as soon as election results are in: pages, messengers, doorkeepers, sergeants-at-arms, and some assistant clerkships.

This year, the House's patronage committee limited Republicans to three out of the 30 minor positions at its disposal. In the Senate, Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) dispensed the patronage.

There are about 230 legislative employees, with salaries ranging from about \$12 a day for pages to \$35 a day for the expert professional consultants hired by a few standing committees, such as the economic consultant serving the House Taxation committee.

Some of these jobs undoubtedly could be eliminated (some have been already) with no great loss of efficiency in the law-making process, but the weight of tradition is heavy in the Statehouse, and screams of rage and pain arise when anyone suggests drastic cuts in the payroll. As it is, some clerks serve two or even three committees, personnel in some offices already work overtime evening with no extra pay.

These people feel they earn every cent they get.

This is a typical attitude of all state employees, who usually consider themselves overworked and underpaid, from the governor down. With a bill in to raise the governor's salary to \$25,000 a year, and raise other top state workers, the Legislature will not take kindly to suggestions that it scrimp more on its own budget.

BEAVER'S TALE: Funny-of-the-week is a sequel to last week's laugh: At a Farm Bureau "Oregon Farm Products" dinner for legislators, a bit of horseplay included the formal presentation to Sen. Al Pige (D-Roseburg) of a guided and bejeweled little shovel with which to continue his fastidious curb cleaning-up while walking his two poodles.



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Chamber Directors Refer Stadium Plan To Committee Study

Members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce board of directors heard four advocates speak on behalf of the proposed stadium for the Medford area at a Thursday meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club.

President Bob Taylor introduced "Hub" Kittle, manager of the Yakima ball club; John Weisbrod, Medford realtor; William Siebert, local architect; and James M. Fleishman, president of Northwestern Baseball league.

The proposal was referred to the chamber's recreation and convention committee for study and recommendation to the board. Chairman of the group is John Pleisch.

At the meeting, Manager Don McNeil announced that Feb. 3 would be the new date for the annual dinner at the county club. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. affair are available at the chamber office or from any chamber director.

Dr. Howard W. Runkell, of the department of speech and drama, Willamette university, Salem, has been named guest speaker with the topic, "It's all in the way you word it."

McNeil also reported on the recent Pacific Northwest Travel association meeting in Spokane, which he attended. The manager drew the assignment of representing the association and the northwest at the Dallas, Tex., travel show April 16.

The manager said he favored retaining the Oregon travel division under the state highway department, rather than moving it into the planning and development department.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Terry L. Longley, improper right turn, \$5.

Tracy J. Muse, possession of untagged beaver pelts, \$40.
H. S. Bunsard, possession of untagged beaver pelts, \$40.
Margaret M. Jacobs, failure to stop, \$15.
David E. Evans, illegal possession of liquor, \$30.
Keith F. Britton, illegal possession of liquor, \$30.

Alfred Postal, violation of basic rule, \$30.
Ronald J. Kezley, failure to stop, \$7.50.
Leonard Petersen, no lights, \$7.50.
Larry J. Freeman, violation of basic rule, \$30.
Roscoe G. Day, failure to transfer title, \$5.
Saron A. Wise, no brakes, \$10.
Primrose Pauline Morgan, no safety chains, \$10.
Robert Peile, no brakes, \$10.
Paul J. Stewart, no operator's license, \$5.
Clyde E. Jones, improper headlight, \$10.
Jack P. Goucher, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Yencenio H. Sanchez, failure to transfer title, \$5.
Clyde E. Fjorli, no PUC permit, \$25.
San A. Aquilina, no PUC permit, \$15.
Leonard W. Howell, permitting unlicensed person to operate vehicle, \$15.
Elizabeth G. Krambeal, no lights, \$10.
Joe B. Sullivan, no operator's license, \$5.

Wayne L. Reed, dumping rubbish on prohibited land, \$30.
Richard J. Young, dumping rubbish on prohibited land, \$30.

CIRCUIT COURT
Vernice R. Thompson vs. Bernard T. Thompson, divorce complaint.
Joel M. Smith vs. Harold J. Smith, divorce complaint.
Carl P. McQuigg vs. Lois Earlene McQuigg, divorce complaint.
Merilyn Jon Tosh vs. Donald Dean Tosh, divorce complaint.
Christine Yvonne Reeves vs. Jerry Reeves, divorce complaint.
Burtia Irene Wallace vs. John Marshall Wallace, divorce decree.
Mary Frances De Weerd vs. Pete De Weerd, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
John William Lucas, 3741 Table Rock rd., Medford, and Jenny Patricia Wheelson, 748 1/2 West Fourth st., Medford.
(Siskiyou County)
LeRoy Roy Wilson, Dunsmuir, Calif., and Annette Myrl Peck, Dunsmuir.
Charles Leroy Bundy, Star Route, Yreka, and Catherine Elizabeth Peebles, 336 North Main st., Yreka.

Aliens Reminded To File Addresses

Portland - The United States Immigration and Naturalization service was reminded all aliens in the state of Oregon that only seven business days remain in which non-citizens must file their annual address report as required by law.

James L. Turner, district director, pointed out that address report forms are available at the nearest immigration service office or post office for the convenience of non-citizens required to report.

contributing to this increase. Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Latham conducted the directors meeting.

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