

Ways and Means Committee Members Visit SOC, OTI

The joint ways and means committee of the Oregon state legislature was visiting this area Friday and Saturday to examine the physical facilities of Southern Oregon college in Ashland and Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.

Friday the committee held an informal dinner meeting at the Mark Anthony hotel in Ashland with educators and prominent citizens of the area to discuss problems of financing such institutions as the two schools. Sen. Lyndel Newbery (R-Talent) acted as master of ceremonies.

Growth of Southern Oregon college, classroom needs and usage were discussed by Dr. Esby C. McGill, professor of economics, assistant to the president and director of academic affairs at the college.

He noted that the use of the college has increased 190 per cent of the full utilization according to recommended standards. Annual growth for the last 10 years has been 10 per cent a year. Out of state attendance has been 8.4 per cent which is below that of state institutions of higher education which have 24 per cent.

Most of the SOC graduate education majors find jobs in this area and comprise over 75 per cent of the graduates.

Other legislators present were Sen. Daniel A. Thiel (D-Clatsop), vice chairman of the joint ways and means com-

Seventeen Attend Budget Hearing

Central Point - Seventeen persons attended the school district 6C budget hearing in the Central Point Junior High cafeteria Thursday.

The budget amount outside the 8 per cent limitation requiring a tax levy is \$881,951.51. District 6C residents will vote on this at the May 6 election, when they will also vote for school board members.

C. A. Meyer, district 6C school superintendent, commended the budget committee for their work on the budget. Budget committee members are Donald E. Morrow, chairman, Gold Hill; W. C. Higginbotham, secretary, Central Point; Paul Molloy, Gold Hill; Dalton Straus, Sams Valley; and Dr. Bruce Turner, Central Point.

Also working with, as a part of the committee, were the five members of district 6C board of directors, Wilton White, C. W. Anhorn, and Leo Ghelardi, Central Point; J. W. Fitzgerald, Sams Valley; and H. S. Deuel, Gold Hill.

After a tour of all schools in the district, three meetings, totaling 24 hours, were held. During these meetings the original budget was cut by \$58,130, Meyer continued.

A question and answer period followed Meyer's explanation of the budget.

Oregonians Must Wait Longer For State Tax Refunds

Salem - Oregonians are going to have to wait a while longer for state income tax refunds this year, Tax Commissioner Fred Hoefke said Saturday.

Hoefke told the House Tax committee that the new tax commission policy is to audit refund claims before the refund is mailed.

In past years the refund claimed by the taxpayers was mailed soon after the return was received, and the return was audited later, "perhaps months later," Hoefke said.

Under the old system the tax commission then had to bill the taxpayer for return of any overpayment of the refund.

Hoefke said the handling of refunds would be slower, especially refunds on the great bulk of returns that are being filed now, just before the April 15 deadline.

Tax Committee Chairman a

Eagle Point Canal Repairs Scheduled

Eagle Point - All water will be diverted out of the main canal of the Eagle Point Irrigation district Tuesday in order to facilitate the annual spring clean-up. It is anticipated that service will be resumed Sunday, April 14.

During the annual clean-up various phases of construction and repair will be undertaken, a major job being the lining of the 700 feet wide flume and the replacement of portions of the flume's supporting members. In addition it is anticipated that several portions of the canal will have concrete lining installed.

All construction and repair work planned, will, upon completion, reduce loss of water from the canal and provide a wider margin of safety for the canal's operation, district officials said.

Storms of the last two weeks have increased optimism as to the amount of water that will be available during the 1963 irrigation season.

Present indications are for a normal water year, based on the past 10 years. However, the lack of further storms and an early hot spell could reduce the late season supply to near record lows.

Three File For District 6C Board

Central Point - Three men have filed for membership on the school board of District 6C.

They are Frank Armstrong, Charles L. Ghelardi and J. W. Fitzgerald. Armstrong and Ghelardi are seeking a three-year position vacated with the resignation of Dr. Alvin Roberts. Ghelardi was appointed to fill the term until the annual election.

Fitzgerald, who also is a board member, seeks a five-year term in the May 6 election.

Hatfield's Programs Have Bad Week

By ZAN STARK
 United Press International
 Salem - From Gov. Mark Hatfield's point of view, it was not a good week as far as the legislature was concerned.

His "implied consent" measure was defeated. His plan to eliminate several state holidays was rejected. Construction of a civil defense headquarters in the basement of the Capitol came to light — and may result in total elimination of a state Civil Defense agency.

Organized labor said it would not appeal recent court action which ended legal maneuvering to halt use of inmate labor. The governor had sided with organized labor.

And the Ways and Means subcommittee on higher education continued its critical review and indicated it did not have full confidence in the governor's revenue estimates.

But the week was not a total loss by any means. The governor's cigarette tax proposal, which would raise \$18 million a biennium, was approved by the House Tax committee.

This is one of the key items in the governor's program — and its approval could more than make up for some minor losses.

Yesterday was the 83rd calendar day of the 32nd Legislature assembly, and what happens during the next 30 to 40 days will tell the tale.

Power Fight Waged
 What's happened during those 83 days could have a major effect on what will happen during the remainder of the session.

Grants Pass Voters Pass School Budget
 Grants Pass - Grants Pass voters Thursday passed by a vote of approximately two to one a city school district budget of \$2,583,750 total estimated expenditures for the 1963-64 school year.

The vote was 583 to 245.

A fight over power has developed between the legislature and Hatfield. Lawmakers are sensitive to react to moves they interpret as grabs for power on the part of the governor.

The surface explosions have centered around the budgets for higher education and civil defense.

To date the war over education has been confined to one of words. The legislative committees have continued probing, checking, seeking.

Undoubtedly there will be budget adjustments, but it's still too early to determine how severe they will be.

Civil defense is another matter. The subject of more charges, counter-charges, anger, and frustration than any other issue this session, there is a possibility it could be wiped out.

The governor has defended civil defense. But his call for public pressure on legislators had no effect.

The Ways and Means committee voted overwhelmingly for a three-man agency, instead of the 20-man department asked by Hatfield. And they proposed reorganization of the advisory council for CD.

CD Project Started
 What appeared to legislators as a deliberate violation of their intentions exploded

to life when it was discovered a new \$36,000 CD headquarters was started the day before the CD cutback was voted by the committee.

Members of the governor's staff discounted criticism. They said the project had been started last year, and argued the headquarters would be needed in case of emergency no matter what the size of the permanent CD agency.

Hatfield remained silent as the controversy raged.

Some legislators quietly predicted the cutdown CD budget could be defeated on the floor of the House.

Many of these same legis-

lators also said — off the record — that they recognized there was a need for civil defense, but they felt the only way to get an efficient and workable program was to wipe out the present agency and start over again from scratch.

And still being obscured by all the surface fighting was the big issue of the session: How much of a tax increase will be asked, and will the people accept it, or reject it at a special election?

The answer will determine the validity of Hatfield's charge that this is a "do nothing" legislature.



Civil Defense Officials Visit Jackson County

Dr. Fred J. Fielding, medical coordinator for the Oregon state civil defense agency, and a federal civil defense emergency hospital inspection and servicing team from Spokane, Wash., visited Jackson county recently.

They checked the two 200 bed hospitals which are stored for the Oregon civil defense agency by the Jackson county civil defense agency. One unit is stored at Southern Oregon college and the other at the Veterans' Administration Domiciliary, Camp White. These hospitals can be made operable with 120 man hours of work.

The team checked and replaced when necessary all biologicals, blood serum, insulin, oxygen, nitrous oxide and x-ray film. The generators were test run and replaced in long term storage effective for five years.

At the domiciliary, the unit was restored functionally, equipment and supplies for each section being placed together.

Dr. Fielding said an expansion program is underway and the present period of two days' operational capability will be extended to 30 days. An application is pending for one more unit to be stored in Jackson county.

Both Dr. Fielding and Team Captain Clarence Farrell complimented the Jackson county civil defense agency and said the storage facilities in this area are superior.

Norris To Head Grants Pass JC's

Grants Pass - Clarence Norris, owner of a Grants Pass landscaping business, has been elected to head the Grants Pass Junior Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

The new Jaycee president is currently state personnel chairman and has been active in both state and local organizations since 1955.

Named to serve with Norris are Ken Willfong, first vice president; Dr. Howard Wagner, second vice president; Don Clark, secretary; Floyd Mathews, treasurer; Phil Hyatt, sergeant-at-arms; and Larry Sanderson, Leo Berg and Ken Hickenbottom, directors.

Central Point Fire Demonstration Set

Central Point - The Central Point Volunteer Fire department will put on a demonstration starting at noon today concerning the control of gas and diesel oil fires.

According to Donald C. Milligan, assistant fire chief, interested persons are invited to watch the demonstration, which will take place on the Crater High school grounds.

Salem - A bill to exempt owners of buildings containing public fallout shelters from liability involving the shelters passed the Oregon House Friday and went to the Senate.

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