

Killer Tornadoes Smash Way Through Midwest

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Aged Plead for Property Tax Relief in State

Salem—(UPI)—The proud aged Wednesday pleaded for property tax relief which could keep them off the welfare rolls.

Almost 300 elderly persons jammed the House Tax Committee hearing room to add support to prayers for assistance.

The committee held discussions on a bill which already has cleared the Senate, and four measures which were introduced in the House.

It appeared likely the House would approve the Senate measure which grants a homestead exemption based on income and age—and tacks on an optional feature allowing elderly people to defer payment of property taxes until after their death, when their property was sold.

In four previous sessions the Senate and House have approved different versions of property tax relief for the aged. The measures died for lack of a compromise.

Rep. Juanita Orr (D-Lake Grove), author of one of the House measures, exclaimed, "I hope the committee opens up its heart and passes one of these bills."

She related instances where elderly persons "live on a diet of tea and bread and save pennies in a jar so they can pay their taxes."

The bill approved by the Senate would exempt 10 per

cent of the first \$10,000 true cash value at age 65, and increase the exemptions by steps to 100 per cent at age 80, if income was less than \$3,000 a year.

The committee is expected to tack on an amendment allowing a person 65 or over to defer payment of ad valorem taxes until death. Upon death, or sale of the property, the deferred tax would have to be paid.

Charles Woodword, 79, Multnomah county, said in 1947 he paid \$47 in property taxes, and in 1962 he paid \$217.80 on the same property. Plan Called 'Ridiculous'

"My income is less than \$100 a month. My Social Security goes to pay for my wife's hospital bills," he said. He called the tax deferral plan "ridiculous."

James Melene of the Golden Age club of Clackamas county said his property taxes had doubled in eight years.

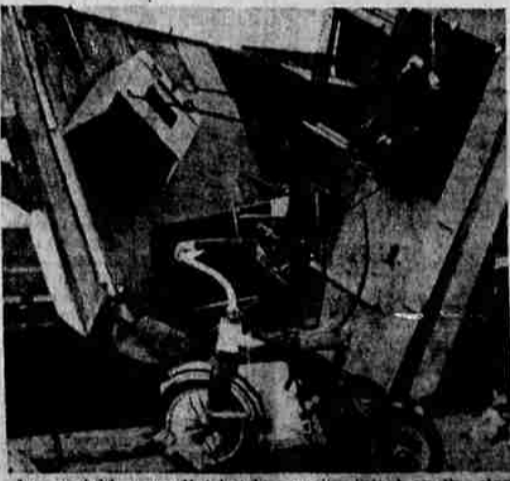
"We can't strike for more money or aid. We need some help. Give us some relief," he said.

Other witnesses said increased property taxes were driving the elderly out of their homes and onto the relief rolls.

Barry O'Neill, Milwaukie, said "14 or 15 states now provide exemptions for the aged." He opposed deferral of taxes.



TWISTERS WREAK HAVOC—Occupants of a house in Exline, Ill., remove their possessions after a tornado struck the area late Wednesday, upper photo. The picture at lower left, taken from Kankakee, Ill., shows a tornado as it crossed Highway 54 north of Bradley, Ill. In the photo at



lower right, a small tri-cycle remains intact on the slope of what was once a trailer house after a tornado struck the Kankakee area. A kitchen stove can be seen in the background and the bottom of a kitchen sink is at the right. (UPI)

College Campus Severely Hit; Homes Collapse

Illinois, Indiana Take Storm Brunt

Kankakee, Ill.—(UPI)—Killer tornadoes chewed a devastating path through the Midwest Wednesday leaving a young mother dead and 70 persons injured.

A college campus was all but reduced to rubble.

In Indiana, two children were reported missing for a time in a small town where homes collapsed and survivors had to be dug out of the debris.

The five-story stone administration building of Olivet Nazarene college in the Kankakee suburb of Bourbonnais was smashed by a twister spinning out of a line of thunderstorms west of here.

At least one student was hospitalized.

Dining Hall Damaged

The college dining hall was damaged only 15 minutes before it was to be opened for the dinner period. School officials said it was "miraculous" there were no major injuries to the 1,000 students on campus.

Several students and faculty members were injured before the twister moved on to damage the Bourbonnais Village hall, tear up a trailer, court and trigger a fire in an elementary school.

Bourbonnais Village President Leon Blanchette set damage at more than \$2 million.

Mrs. Sandra Rivard, 24, was found dead near the wreckage of her home north of Bradley, Ill. She clutched her injured baby in her arms.

Roared 'Like Train'

The twister smashed eastward into Gifford, Ind., roaring "like a freight train." A state trooper said it left the town "handfuls of debris." At least 20 persons were hurt and 15 of them still were hospitalized today, two in critical condition.

Other tornadoes struck in Missouri and Michigan.

An elderly man was hospitalized at Goldwater, Mich., when a small twister tipped over a house trailer.

The roof of a livestock auction barn was ripped away at Palmyra in northeast Missouri but no injuries were reported.

Hatfield Urges State Natural Resources Board

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield issued a special statement today urging the 1963 legislature to culminate 25 years of planning by creating a state department of natural resources.

The Governor's message came shortly after House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) said a bill to create such a department has been sent to the Ways and Means committee to kill it.

The bill won 6-2 approval of the House Natural Resources committee last week after extensive hearings and much redrafting. It would group natural resource agencies in six main divisions, inside a department headed by an appointee of the governor.

There would be an overall natural resources board, with strict qualifications for its members. There also could be advisory committees for the divisions: fish and game, agriculture, forestry, water resources, mineral resources, and small boats and harbors.

House Speaker Clarence Barton sent the bill on to Ways and Means for a study on its fiscal implications. Montgomery accused Barton of planning to let it die there.

Legislators have received much pressure against the bill from groups that would be involved in the reorganization.

Hatfield noted Gov. Charles

Martin was elected in 1934 on a plank including a department of natural resources. He said since then such a department was recommended by Oregon's Little Hoover Commission in 1949, by Gov. Douglas McKay, Robert Holmes and Charles Sprague, by a special committee on reorganization in 1961, and by several interim committees.

Thorough Study
Hatfield said the House Committee this session has studied the bill with thoroughness that "deserves commendation."

The new department, if approved, would have some 1,500 employees and a \$35 million budget.

Hatfield said the bill retains numerous safeguards and legislative controls, while at the same time offering a "unified approach to resources management" that would provide clear lines of responsibility, greater efficiency, and more resource management values.

He said it would eliminate many controversies now surrounding areas of resource management in Oregon.

The House today received a bill that would require at least three votes to elect a precinct committeeman. Sponsor Edward Branchfield (R-Ford) said it would eliminate one-to-one tie votes in precincts where no one files and several persons vote for themselves.

More Mental Health Services Should Be Provided Locally

More mental health services must be provided on the local level and financed by persons using those services, not by taxation, Dr. Joseph H. Treleaven, administrator of the Oregon state division of mental health, said today at the 10th annual meeting of the Family and Child Guidance Clinic association.

"The growth of community services and the private practice of psychiatry has been encouraging, but we have a long way to go yet," Dr. Treleaven said. "The state is still carrying most of the burden for mental care."

The state is spending 17 times as much in hospital care of mental and emotional disorders than provided through community services, the administrator pointed out. Only 10 per cent of the people

treated in private practice require institutional care, Dr. Treleaven said. He learned from personal experience as a practicing psychiatrist.

Local hospital facilities for such patients are just as important as those for maternity or accidents, he said. But people tend toward isolation of patients with mental and emotional disorders because mental illness is considered an unpleasant thing.

Since it is difficult to understand mental disorders "the buck has been passed on to the state," Dr. Treleaven said.

Many health and hospital insurance programs do not include treatment for mental and emotional disorders.

Broader coverage is needed if adequate treatment is going to be provided on the local level, he indicated.

Seventy per cent of Blue Cross plans provide for 20 days mental disorder treatment. Group policies are better with 75 per cent covering mental disorders. Yet mental illness would represent only 1 to 3 per cent of the insurance program cost, he noted.

Ask Broader Approach
President Kennedy indicated mental health care "has rounded the corner" when his recent message to congress asked for a broader approach to mental health care. However, Kennedy's speech was alarming when it seemed to condemn state mental health institutions. Dr. Treleaven said, Oregon's mental health institutions have progressed rapidly in the last three years.

"We should be humane enough to see those who will not be restored as active community citizens get decent treatment. We cannot measure civilization in rockets," he said.

Recall Measure To Be on Butte Falls Ballot on May 6

Butte Falls—A move to recall two members of the Butte Falls school board has been endorsed by the required number of petitioners and the recall will be added to other issues to be voted on in the annual school election May 6, Mrs. Zaida Edmondson, school clerk, reported today.

The men, named in the recall proceedings, are Duane Burton, who has three more years to serve in his third term on the Butte Falls board of directors, and Andrew Hamstra, who is serving his first term. He has four more years to serve.

The reason for the recall, given on the petitions presented to the school board by Mrs. Eva Lytle, states that Burton and Hamstra, in a meeting of the school board, supported a decision not to rehire Charles L. Stratton as grade school principal. No further information is given in the petitions.

If the two men are recalled in the May 6 election, the vacancies will be filled by appointment, according to Oregon school law. The appointments will be made by the three remaining members of the board.

Francis E. Poole, chairman of the school board, is seeking reelection at the same time. He is opposed in his bid for reelection by Duane Smeltzer.

The other two board members, whose terms are not expiring at this time, are Charles Ferguson and Jess Rodgers Jr. They, and the winner of the Poole-Smeltzer contest, will appoint the successors to Burton and Hamstra if the recall is a success.

The budget for the Butte Falls district also will be voted on in the annual election May 6.

First Known Case of Asian Flu in Oregon Reported

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon's first known case of Asian flu since an outbreak struck the Atlantic coast last December was reported today.

The State Board of Health said tests showed a woman in Hood River had the disease. There are six to eight other persons in Hood River and White Salmon, Wash., with similar symptoms, the board said.

Dr. Grant Skinner, state epidemiologist, said the woman had "pretty well" recovered from the disease.

Jury Rules Death As Justifiable in Medical Inquest

A medical inquest jury this morning ruled the death of Roy Charles Smith, 18, of El Monte, Calif., as justifiable homicide.

Death was caused by massive hemorrhaging caused by a bullet fired by a police officer in the line of performing his duty, the jurors found.

Seven witnesses testified during the medical inquest. Smith was killed in Medford Monday afternoon by a Medford police officer following an attempted holdup of a grocery store.

The jury of two women and four men deliberated for about 20 minutes before returning the unanimous verdict. The jurors and District Attorney Alan B. Holmes, who conducted the inquest, commended Officer William Hall for performing his duty, stating that a person who would exchange gunfire with a police officer would not hesitate to fire on an unarmed citizen.

Testimony was heard from Mrs. Edith Lindley, proprietor of the Spring Street Grocery, corner of Crater Lake Ave. and Spring st., who Smith attempted to hold up; Hall, who shot Smith in an exchange of gunfire following the holdup attempt; Freddy Joe Henderson, Ashland, a school friend of Smith; Dr. Robert H. Buck, who performed the autopsy on the body; Joseph David Collins, Apple Valley, Calif., Army friend of Smith and Medford Police Lt. Jack McMillan, who was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene after the shooting started.

Dismissal of Suit Against Day Denied

Portland—(UPI)—Federal Judge Gus Solomon has denied a motion to dismiss a suit brought by one of two Anchorage, Alaska, widows against an Oregon mountain climber in connection with a 1960 accident on Mt. McKinley. He set further hearing for July 8, John Day of Gold Hill, Ore., was injured on the mountain in May of 1960. William A. Stevenson, Anchorage pilot, and Robert Thomas Elliott Jr., a service man, died in the crash of a light plane while trying to reach him.

A civil complaint filed in U.S. District Court here 11 months ago by Mrs. Bettie M. Stevenson and Mrs. Lavern A. Elliott sought special and general damages.

The motion to dismiss the suit was filed by Duane Verger, attorney for Day. It cited a release signed by Mrs. Elliott who had taken a \$27,500 settlement from the estate of the pilot. The motion contended that the document releasing the Stevenson estate from further liability also released Day.

Eagle Point Patrons Turn Down Budget

Eagle Point—For the first time in modern history of the district, patrons of Eagle Point School district 9 turned down the budget for the new school year by defeating the proposal to exceed the 6 per cent limitation by \$542,799.37 in an election yesterday.

The total vote was 240 yes and 305 no. The proposal was defeated in the three polling places. The Shady Cove area, however, expressed the strongest opposition with a vote of 94 no to 43 yes. The Eagle Point vote was 150 to 155 and the Elk-Trail polling place recorded 52 no votes and 42 yes.

The district's future plans were not reported this morning because Glenn D. Hale, superintendent of schools, was out of the county attending a meeting of school administrators at Oregon State university.

MORSE TO SPEAK
Salem—(UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse will be the dinner speaker Saturday at a meeting of the Democratic State Conference here.

Festival, Fun Fair Activities to Start In Valley Friday

The Pear Blossom Festival and the Crater Lions Fun Fair are expected to draw crowds to Medford this week end from all valley points and several more distant places.

The festivities open Friday and continue through Sunday with the Fun Fair first on the schedule of events.

Cindy Kay Phillips, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Phillips of Medford, and Monte Stewart, 6-year-old son of Mrs. Beryl J. Stewart, Eagle Point, will reign over the festival and the Pear Blossom parade, which will move through the city of Medford at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The parade will form at the Medford Shopping Center and continue on Hawthorne st. to West Main st. and along West Main to the library park.

Pinto Colvig, the nationally known clown, who was born in Jacksonville, is returning to his childhood home again for the week end. He will ride in the Crater Lions car in the Pear Blossom parade and will play along with members of his old band from Jacksonville.

The child king and queen were chosen for the annual festival at ceremonies in the American Legion hall Saturday. Robert A. Boyer, long associated with promotion of the festival, acted as master of ceremonies during the final interviews with the 23 children who competed for the crowns.

Judges were Medford City Councilman Joseph Hosick; Central Point Mayor William Saxbury; Jacksonville City Councilman Paul Goddard; Rogue River Mayor John Leyden; Eagle Point Councilman Ted Hoffman and Phoenix Mayor P. H. Paxson.

Night Sessions of Court Are Planned

Gold Hill—The Jackson county justice court for the Gold Hill district will start holding night sessions effective May 2, Norman R. Matteson, judge, has announced.

Night court will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 7 and 9 p.m.

The change is being made, Matteson said, after extensive consideration and conferences with state police and the district attorney in an effort to offer a better time for court appearances to working people in the valley.

Night court is held in many cities by municipal courts, and in Oregon's coast country, he explained. The experiment will be tried here and will be adopted if it proves to be as much more convenient as recent interviews have indicated it will be, Matteson said.

SATURDAY SESSION SEEN
Salem—(UPI)—A session of the House of Representatives this Saturday seemed a virtual certainty, House Speaker Clarence Barton said today.

Air System Trouble On Thresher Told

Portsmouth, N.H.—(UPI)—An officer of the submarine Thresher, who missed the ill-fated submarine's final voyage, testified today the vessel had continuing trouble with the vital air system used to surface the ship.

The witness was Lt. Raymond J. McCoolle, 33, who missed the final voyage of the Thresher because his wife had a home accident and he was given temporary leave only hours before the submarine sailed.

McCoolle testified before a naval court of inquiry investigating the sinking of the nuclear submarine which went down with 129 men aboard April 10.

Appointments May Be Made by Council

Medford Mayor James Dunlevy said today there is a possibility a new city councilman will be appointed at the council meeting tonight to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Al Bradford, Medford's new postmaster.

Dunlevy said he and the council were considering a list of three names of persons from Ward 2 who were qualified for the position.

A new council president will be elected at tonight's meeting, Mayor Dunlevy said. Bradford had been council president prior to his resignation.

The mayor said that an appointment may also be made to fill a vacancy on the citizen's budget committee created by the resignation of Harry Barker.

Barker, whose resignation became effective April 12, said his retirement from the committee was necessitated by press of business obligations.

IWA Authorized To Take Strike Vote

Portland—(UPI)—The negotiating committee of the International Woodworkers of America was authorized today to take a strike vote of membership. The vote was authorized at a meeting of the committee's executive board and the union's advisory board.

Regional President Harvey Nelson said the vote would be taken in the next few days and the ballots would be returned by May 15.

The IWA is negotiating with different management groups of the lumber industry for a new contract.

Russian Personnel Said Still in Cuba

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.), said today "there has been no substantial reduction of Soviet military personnel in Cuba" since Russian missiles and bombers were removed last November.

"Several thousand personnel have left Cuba, several thousand have arrived," Keating said. He concluded that "there were and are in the neighborhood of 17,000 men there."

Bulletin

San Jose, Costa Rica—(UPI)—Costa Rica announced officially today it has granted political asylum to Jose Miro Cardona, the Cuban exile leader who is currently embroiled in a controversy with the State Department.

BASEBALL

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Kansas City 0 3 1
Chicago 3 5 0
Rakow, Willis (8) and
Bryan; Herzert and Martin.
HR: Nicholson, Chicago.

Los Angeles 0 3 1
Minnesota 3 7 0
McBride, Grba (8), Nelson (8) and Rodgers; Stigman and Batteny. HR: Batteny, Minnesota.

NEWS BRIEFS

LAOS SITUATION DECLARED GRAVE
Vientiane, Laos—(UPI)—Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma said today that fighting has broken out in the strategic base of Phou Savan near the Plain of Jars and the situation is "grave."

COOPER LAUNCH DELAY THREATENED
Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—Problems in a booster rocket today threatened to delay U.S. plans for launching astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr. on a 22-orbit journey around earth May 7.

BOEING CONTRACT RATIFICATION SEEN
Seattle—(UPI)—Voting here Wednesday by members of the Machinists Aero Mechanics Lodge 751 apparently has insured ratification of a new Boeing Co. labor contract.