

### Medford Administrator Is Coauthor of Article About Tax Legislation

The tax legislation, passed at the end of the session, which comes before the people of Oregon in a referendum election Oct. 15, is discussed in an article appearing in the September issue of Oregon Business Review.

### News About Servicemen

TO TAKE COURSE: Rush, commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 414th Regiment. Captain Straus was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the Armed Forces School, Fort Knox, Ky., in 1952. He has attended the quarter-master school at Fort Ord, Calif., and completed the following engineering courses at Fort Belvoir: supply familiarization, equipment maintenance, supply and support, and the engineer officer's course. He is presently reservist from this area named for this course, mandatory for field grade promotion, according to Lt. Col. John F. Straus.

ed over Captain Straus's duties, according to Lt. Col. John F. Straus, battalion commander. He recently spent five days at the Italian port of La Spezia. COMMENTATION: Platoon Sgt. Richard J. Swinney, Medford, Company E, has received a letter of commendation for outstanding work as an instructor in land navigation, from Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, Ford Ord, Calif., during the summer encampment of the 2nd Battalion, 414th Regiment, last July at Camp Roberts, Calif., according to Lt. Col. John F. Rush, commanding officer. Swinney was a teacher, activities director and boys counselor at Phoenix High school last year. He was Southern Oregon college student in Japan and Korea, came to Medford in 1956. Mrs. Billie and daughter, Tammy, will remain in Medford.

MAN OF MONTH: Special 4 Chester E. Olson, Battery D, First Missile Battalion at Fairchild Air Force base was named "Missile Man of the Month" for September at the base. Olson is the son of Mrs. Viola Olson, 731 West 14th st., Medford, and graduated from Medford High school in 1958. He worked for Crucible Steel of America Corp. in San Francisco as an inventory control clerk until entering the military service in March, 1962. He will receive a \$25 savings bond and a three-day pass and an opportunity to participate in the "Armed Forces Man of the Month" title competition as a reward for being named "Missile Man" Competition will be with men from the Air Force at Fairchild.

Small Worlds Around Us By LYNN M. WATKINS (Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1963) Patterfoot Makes a Small Patter An interesting place. Even when we sometimes tend to be mildly derogatory, we could rightly say "he's an old mudder," or "he's an old patterfoot," which would be the same as the much used expression, "he's an old coot." It lives to be old. This is unfortunate too, for the mudder is a bird we know as the coot is harmless and interesting creature, always minding its own business and bothering nobody. With so many enemies ready to kill it, very few live beyond the teen-age years. Whether you recognize this water bird by the name of coot, water hen, mudder, or even patterfoot, depends on what part of the country you find it. Its range is large, just about every small lake in nearly two-thirds of our nation has at least a few patterfoots present. Morality Rate There are many reasons for its high mortality rate. Living as it does in marshes and small lakes, it is easy prey to dozens or more predators. Shaped a great deal like a duck and occasionally associating with ducks, it is shot by gunners who don't know the difference or care. Perhaps it is because the mudder's life is so precarious, that nature instilled in them the almost constant desire to nest. The female mudder will nest at the drop of a feather—and she doesn't think she has accomplished a thing unless she can lay and incubate a dozen and a half eggs at a single setting. In the warmer parts of the U. S. a pair of healthy coots may raise four families in a single year. When building her nest, the mudder doesn't even have to carry materials. She simply pulls the available water weeds together in a clump, ties them with grasses and begins laying. Being social birds, they love to live in close association with others of their kind and are never so happy as when several dozens of their neighbors are in close communion. The mudder is about the size of a small wild duck, with bluish slate colored plumage. Some have white tips on some of the wing feathers. The bill is dark. There is a brown shield over the forehead, making the coot look like a man with a cap pulled down over his eyes. The little, short tail sticks straight up, giving the bird a perky appearance. At a little distance the mudder looks like a moving target in a shooting gallery. The mudder has four toes on each foot, like the domestic hen. The feet are not webbed; the toes are green in color and fringed on both sides with scaly flaps. This arrangement makes walking on mud as easy and pleasant pastime as it is for the domestic hen.

Second Session Of Ecumenical Council Slated VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The Ecumenical Council opens its second session here Sept. 29 and the Council has been a center of attention for almost four years. The following is a chronology of important dates in the development of the Vatican II Council. Jan. 25, 1960 — Pope John XXIII announces to Cardinals his intention of calling a council. Oct. 11, 1962 — The Council opens with solemn ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica. Oct. 13, 1962 — The Council fathers hold their first working meeting. Nov. 15, 1962 — Pope John appoints ante-preparatory commission to consult bishops about the opening date of the second session from May 12 to Sept. 8, 1963. Dec. 25, 1961 — Pope John signs the bill formally calling the Council. Feb. 2, 1962 — The date for the opening of the Council is announced. The day after his election that his Pontificate will be concerned with the continuation of the Ecumenical Council. Vatican II. June 27, 1963 — Pope Paul VI announces the day after his election that his Pontificate will be concerned with the continuation of the Ecumenical Council. Sept. 5, 1962 — The rules and regulations governing the Council are published. Oct. 11, 1962 — The Council opens with solemn ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica. Oct. 13, 1962 — The Council fathers hold their first working meeting. Nov. 15, 1962 — Pope John appoints ante-preparatory commission to consult bishops about the opening date of the second session from May 12 to Sept. 8, 1963.

Constitutional Commission To Seek Initiative PORTLAND (UPI)—Oregon Constitutional Revision Commission leaders have decided to try to put a revised state constitution on the ballot by initiative petition. Members of the original commission have been invited to participate in a meeting, to be held early in October, to plan the campaign. The invitations were signed by former governors Charles A. Sprague and Robert Holmes, co-chairmen of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Revision. In addition to commission members, invitations went to Richard Jones of Reed College, a former member of the commission, and Rep. John Bellonback (R-Medford) chairman of the House Committee on Constitutional Revision. Sprague said his group planned to file a preliminary petition for an initiative hearing. Bellonback would open the way for the Oregon Supreme Court to decide whether a complete constitution may be placed on the ballot by initiative petition. Legal opinion has been given on the subject. Sprague also said his group planned to use the House version of the constitution as its basic document. It contains some differences from the document originally submitted to the legislature by the Constitutional Revision Commission.

Principals Schedule Meeting in Corvallis CORVALLIS — Principals of Oregon junior and senior high schools will hold their 35th annual fall conference Oct. 7 and 8 at Oregon State university. About 350 are expected to attend. "Theme will be 'Education for the Non-College Student.'" Topics to be discussed will include employment opportunities for high school graduates, the place of the high school in job placement, technical training and apprenticeships, improvement of small schools, promising practices in preparation of non-college students for work, guidance and counseling programs, and what business expects of high school graduates. Howard F. Horner, David Douglas High school, Portland, is president this year of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals. Main speakers will include Ray Ziegler, Oregon bureau of labor, Salem; Paul F. Ehinger, general manager, Hines Lumber company, Westfir; and Dr. Frank Bennett, president of Eastern Oregon college.

Drenched Currency Dried Automatically PRESTON, Minn. (UPI)—Money problems are nothing new—except perhaps one faced recently by a bank in this southeastern Minnesota community. W. A. Garratt, president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Preston, and his wife were playing bridge one recent rainy Sunday evening. The game was interrupted when the bank's burglar alarm went off. Garratt rushed to the bank. He found not a burglar, but more than \$2,000 in drenched currency. The bank's roof drain had clogged during the heavy downpour, causing water to pour down the tube of the alarm system and into the vault, flooding a tray of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. Moisture had also set off the alarm. Concerned the money would mildew, bank officials started hand-drying the bills. An observer of this tedious process was John Buche, appliance dealer in Preston. He has the dripping bills taken to his store. They were placed in one of his electronic control clothes dryers and dried automatically in three loads, taking a little over an hour.

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