

OEA Would Back State Sales Tax To Aid Education

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Oregon Education Association voted Friday to support a state sales tax with the money to be earmarked for education. The organization said it would initiate the measure, if necessary.

The action came at a meeting of about 200 delegates to the OEA's Representative Council.

There were estimates it might cost as much as \$74,000 to run the initiative campaign.

The council also voted to resist any attempts by school boards to lower teacher salaries as a result of voter defeat of the legislature's tax bill Oct. 15.

Some school district budgets are expected to be cut as much as 25 per cent next year because of an anticipated \$12 million slash in the \$141 million state aid to education fund for the next biennium.

Another motion to have the OEA take action if teacher increment raises are withheld next year was defeated. The OEA also reaffirmed its stand against a merit raise plan for teachers and spoke out for a teacher starting minimum of \$6,000 yearly with a \$13,000 top after ten years.

Pharmacist Calls Latest Welfare Plan 'Impractical'

PORTLAND (UPI)—A plan to allow druggists to collect extra money for filling welfare prescriptions has been criticized by a spokesman for the Oregon Pharmaceutical Association.

The State Welfare Commission proposal would authorize druggists and others to collect from needy persons and their relatives the difference between the highest fees allowed by the commission and the fees actually paid.

Henry Speckman, executive secretary of the pharmacists' group, called the plan impractical.

"Not only are pharmacists reluctant to collect money from persons already in need, but nobody can tell ahead of time how the state will pro rate the payments," he said.

Last month, when druggists' claims outran available funds, the commission cut payments for prescriptions at about 65 cents on the dollar.

3 Killed As Plane Crashes Into Field South of Barton

ESTACADA, Ore. (UPI)—Three men were killed when their twin-engine plane crashed in an open field about 10 miles north of here Friday night.

The aircraft, a four-place Cessna 310, was on a training flight from the Skyways, Inc., flying school at Troutdale.

The victims were William A. Smith, 31, Portland, and instructor for Skyways; Harry Sank, 35, Anchorage, Alaska, a private pilot who was being checked out for a commercial license, and Charles N. Gates, 38, Troutdale, manager of Skyways' flight division who was along as a passenger.

The craft nosed into the recently plowed field in a rural area off State Highway 224 about a mile south of Barton in Clackamas County.

There was no fire after the crash, which occurred about 1 1/2 hours after the plane took off. Witnesses told authorities the plane was flying south with engines which sounded defective. The engines either died or were cut, the plane dived earthward, and then the engines roared as through given full throttle an instant before the craft crashed.

Witnesses said it appeared the plane was attempting an emergency landing.

An investigation into the cause of the crash was under way.



WRECKAGE OF PLANE — Bob Rykken, left, fireman from Boring, and Al Kempin, executive of Skyways, Inc. flying school, examine wreckage of twin-engine plane which carried three men to their deaths east of Barton Friday night. (UPI)

Chemeketa Hills Name Adopted By Geographic Board

PORTLAND (UPI) The name Chemeketa Hills was approved by the Oregon Geographic Names Board Friday night for some 60 square miles of elevated land southwest of Salem.

The Marion County Historical Society had voted 9-8 earlier in favor of Chemeketa Hills over other proposals that the land be called Salem Hills, Red Hills or Illahe Hills. Chemeketa is an Indian word thought to mean "place of rest." It was the original name of the city of Salem.

The names board decided to name the highest point in the Tillamook Burn Nels Rogers Peak in memory of Oregon's state forester from 1940 to 1949.

The board also honored the memory of two brothers in naming the first of seven waterfalls in the Salmon River Canyon in Mt. Hood National Forest Stein Falls. Johnny and Bobby Stein of Welches were killed in World War II.

In another decision, the board affirmed the name Nigger Rock for a prominent rock formation about 20 miles south of Vale. Members had received some complaints that the name was offensive to Negroes, but they decided the name is deeply established in local usage and that a type of agatized wood found in the area is known nationally to mineralogists as "Nigger Rock wood."

Planning Group Chairmen Picked

SALEM (UPI)—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill, appointed in August as the state's new emergency planning director, Friday announced the chairmen of eleven citizens planning groups.

Hill said the eleven groups will take inventories and draft plans to assist in solving crisis in housing, food, health, manpower, gas, power, production, communications, transportation, water and price-wage control that would occur in event of a nuclear disaster.

The goal for completing the plans is one year.

Hill said the groups will work on the national level with the office of Emergency Planning, an independent agency operating directly under the president.

The eleven chairmen named by Hill are: Communications, Jack Sugg, vice president of Cole and Weber; economic stabilization, Vince Eggleston, vice president and general manager of St. Johns Motor Express; health, Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, State Health Officer; manpower, W. L. Vinson, business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Petroleum and gas, Newton Lesh, Oregon manager of Time Oil Co.; production, James H. Rathbun, all of Portland.

Construction and housing, Stuart Groesbeck of Groesbeck and Durbin; power, Byron Price, Superintendent and secretary of the Eugene Water and Electric Board, both of Eugene.

Transportation, James E. Singleton, director of Transportation for the PUC; water, Donel L. Lane, executive secretary of the State Water Resources Board, both of Salem.

Food, Leland Jacobsmuhlen, president of Arrow Meat Co., Cornelius.

Corvallis Directed To Halt Pollution

CORVALLIS (UPI) — The State Sanitary Authority has directed the city of Corvallis to halt its pollution of the Willamette River, City Manager John Porter revealed Friday.

The city's primary treatment of sewage is no longer adequate, Kenneth Spies, state sanitary engineer, said in a letter to Porter.

Porter said the city had anticipated the directive and is setting aside funds from its sewer user tax to pay for a bond issue. A \$350,000 bond issue election probably will be held in 1965 and application for a \$150,000 federal grant will be made, Porter said.

Car-Train Collision Injures Two Women

GERVAIS (UPI)—Two women were injured when their car collided with a Southern Pacific train at a crossing here Saturday.

A Salem Memorial Hospital spokesman identified the victims as Mrs. Edna Brown and Mrs. Nora Miller, both of Gervais. Mrs. Brown was said to be suffering from extensive shock and other injuries. Mrs. Miller was listed in good condition but the extent of her injuries had not been determined.

Mrs. Miller was the driver of the car, which was hit by a northbound freight train.

Portland Mayor To Attend Funeral

PORTLAND (UPI) — Mayor Terry Schunk will represent the U. S. Conference of Mayors at the funeral of organization president Arthur L. Sellani, mayor of Fresno, Calif., Monday.

Sellani was killed in an auto crash near Fresno Thursday.

Government Rests Case In Lake Valley Fraud Trial; Defense Starts Monday

PENDELTON (UPI) — The federal government rested its case Friday in the trial of seven men charged with mail fraud and conspiracy in connection with the Lake Valley land development project.

The defense will open its case Monday in federal court here.

The federal indictment issued against the Harney County Land Development Corp. charges the defendants with promoting desert land with misleading brochures and newspaper advertising.

The 6,919-acre Lake Valley tract is 22 miles south of Burns.

The defendants are Abraham L. Koolish, 70, and his son, David F., 43, both of Winnetka, Ill.; John Milton Phillips Jr., 38, Evanston, Ill.; Jack Cecil Chubb, 37, Chicago; Richard Dale Walker, 40, Los Angeles; George Edward Isaacs, 30, Glendale, Calif.; and Maurice Arthur Hall, 39, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The prosecution sought to discredit the desirability of the area with a parade of witnesses who testified on the area's agricultural potential, recreational advantages and on retirement and investment opportunities.

Elmer Kolberg, a Portland real estate appraiser, said Friday fair market value of land in the subdivision is \$10 an acre.

The corporation has been selling sites for \$395 dollars an acre—\$5 down and \$5 a month. The land was purchased by the developers for \$24 an acre from Robert Monroe of Mendocino, Calif., who testified he paid \$8 an acre for 11,000 acres of Lake Valley land.

Shortly after the prosecution rested its case two motions by the defense, for acquittal and charging a mistrial, were presented. Both were denied by Federal Judge John F. Kilkeny.

The motion for acquittal was made on the grounds the government had failed to present evidence which proved its case. Kilkeny said he would reconsider it after the defense had presented its side.

The mistrial motion alleged misconduct in the courtroom by acting U.S. Atty. Sidney I. Lezak. Defense Attorney William H. Morrison objected to the manner in which Lezak read a letter into the record and to the jury.

Wheat Growers Endorse Voluntary Certificate Plan

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Oregon Wheat Growers League committee on federal programs Friday endorsed a voluntary certificate plan for wheat acreage control.

The proposal was to be offered to the league membership at a business session Saturday. It was expected to receive full grower backing.

The plan is designed to return to farmers a parity of income for wheat marked for use in food. Farmers would be issued certificates covering their historical share of the market.

The program would be voluntary, and all wheat farmers, whether eligible or not to receive marketing certificates, would be free to produce and compete for secondary use markets, primarily livestock feed. The National Grange approved a similar program earlier this year.

Recommendations adopted by the marketing and transportation committee Friday included: Approval of sale of wheat to any foreign country recognized by the United States and able to buy the wheat with dollars under normal credit terms.

Elimination of shipping restrictions such as the presidential order stating that 50 percent of the wheat should be carried in U.S. ships, if available.

Endorsement of grain freight rates which went into effect Sept. 30, 1960, but were subsequently canceled by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Multnomah GOP Target of Suit

PORTLAND (UPI) — A suit for declaratory judgment and a restraining order against the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee and its chairman, William E. Moomau, was filed in circuit court here Friday.

The action was filed by committee member Lyle Dean, a school teacher. Dean complained a Nov. 19 committee meeting was not called properly and that persons not eligible to vote did in fact cast ballots authorizing a \$500 a month salary for Moomau.

Circuit Judge Charles Redding held a brief hearing shortly after the action was filed. He denied Dean an immediate restraining order and set Monday for a hearing on the matter.

The complaint filed Friday charged the meeting was called without notifying the entire membership. It also stated that 247 ballots were cast when only 244 members had proper credentials for voting. The suit asks the court to determine the validity of the meeting and the vote.

2 Women Die From Traffic Injuries

By United Press International
Mrs. Margaret Frederick, 43, Burns, died at a Bend hospital Friday from injuries suffered when she was struck by a car near Bend Sunday.

She was the victim of a hit-and-run driver.

Mrs. Jane Nora Woody, 35, Disston, also succumbed in a hospital at Cottage Grove Thursday from injuries she received in a one-car crash near that city Monday.

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