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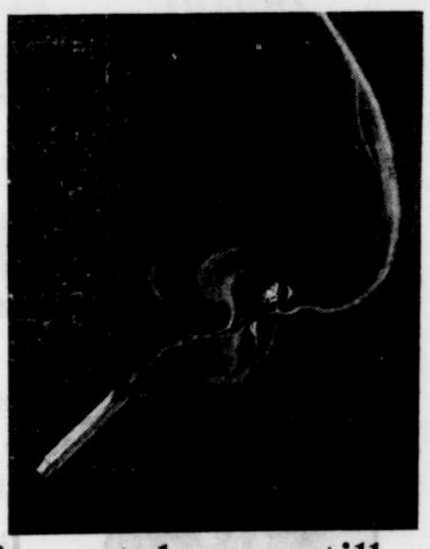

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Salem Scene

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Interim Committees To Continue Study

Adjournment of the legislature may cause a lull in Salem hostelry and restaurant business, but all around the state the lawmaking study process goes on.

Legislative committee work during the regular session, like an iceburg, comprises 90 per cent of the substance underpinning floor action. Now, for the next 18 months, six interim committees will keep legislatures and lay appointees busy beneath the surface studying Oregon problems and coming up with recommendations for 1969 session bills.

The six committees, and their two-year appropriations voted by the legislature just over, are: public lands, $35,000; agriculture, $25,000; highways, $25,000; business climate, $25,000; local government, $25,000; and a special committee to explore ways to improve operation of the legislature, $30,000.

The latter three are new; the others are repeats of study groups active during the last interim. Last interim's education and public health committees are not being continued.

Costliest of the interim committees, public lands, primarily will investigate and report on ultimate uses of Oregon water, using as its basis a study now being conducted by the State Water Resources Board. The nine-man panel also will study the use of lands for recrational purposes, including development of greenstrips and scenic waterways, such as the Willamette River Greenway already given the go-ahead signal.

It will not study the question of public rights and private ownership of beach property, which caused such a sandfight during the regular session. That task is being left to the interim committee on highways, which undoubtedly will work closely with the State Highway Commission on its assignment to survey the entire coastline and define a realistic public line for legislative study.

Highway committee also will probe questions concerning gas tax refunds to cities and counties, financing of highway and road construction, truck regulation, highway beatification, licensing, motor vehicle inspection and other safety measures. It will consist of nine senators and representatives, and is financed from the highway commission budget.

The business climate study committee will add four member from the general public to its nine legislators. Their main interests will be Oregon's tax structure, air and water quality, mineral resources, development of food products industry, transportation, zoning effects on industrial development, duplication of government requirements, business costs, bankruptcies and related credit practices.

Local government committee members, four senators and five represenatives, will look into the unification and codification of special service district laws and problems of annexation and other boundary changes relating to cities, counties and districts.

Broad farm qusetions will be explored by the interim committee on agriculture. These include farm financing, labor needs and mechanization, land use, food inspection and agriculture-related water pollution.

The committee studying improvement of the legislature will be composed of 37 members - three senators, four rereserntatives and 30 private citizens to be namer by Senate and House leaders. Funds reportedlya are available from the Ford Foundation to supplement the states $30,000.

In addition to the tax interim committee, the 1967 legislative assembly created a "blue-ribbon" commission to recommend steps leading to complete revision of Oregon criminal law structure and sentencing procedures. It will consist of 13 members, including judges, lawyers and district attorneys in addition to legislators.

Their study is to be conducted over the next four years, with a $40,000 budget, and they will report to the 1971 legislature.

On top of all this, the following fiscal studies are to be made:

Salaries of state civil service employees.

State building rental charges.

Capitol building remodeling and space assignment.

Organization and function of the State Bureau of Labor.

Liquor Control Commission policies.

Higher education buildings design and costs.

Vacation and sick-leave policies.

Proposed annuity program for employees of industries for the blind.

It's quite an assignment for those elected to make our laws, particularly when one remembers that early all Oregon lesislators have their own private occupations at home, and, some 80 per cent of them have to conduct campaigns next year.

Seaman Mathieu Returns from Vienam

Davisville, R. I. (FHTNC) Seaman Apprentice James A. Matthieu, USN son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Mathieu of 900 Taylor Road, Mehama, Ore., has returned to Davisville, R. I., upon completion of an eight-month tour of duty in Vietnam as a member of the U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Fifty-Eight.

The mission of the battalion, while in Vietnam, was to defend their camp and project sites from the enemy, and to provide construction support to U. S. and allied military forces in the area.

In addition, the battalion undertook many civic action programs designed to assist the Vietnamese people. One of the largest and most important projects was the rebuilding of 32 duplex, prefabricated homes for Vietnamese survivors of a plane crash which occurred in December 1966 near the Da Nang Airfield.

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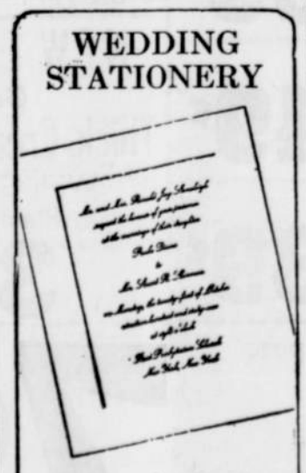

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The Budget for Gates Rural Fire Protection District for the fiscal year 1967-1968, beginning July 1, 1967, as detailed and summarized in the accompanying schedules was prepared on an accounting basis consistent with that used in prior years. Major changes, if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement. A copy of the budget document may be inspected by interested persons between the hours of 8:00 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. at Rt. 1, Box 201, Lyons, Oregon. The Budget Document, or any portion of it, may be obtained for $1.00 complete, or 25c per sheet at Rt. 1, Box 201, Lyons, Oregon. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held July 12, 1967, at 8:00 P. M. at the Gates Fire Hall for the purpose holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget or any part of it.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Ensuing Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1967 — Tax Levy Computation	Total All Funds	General Fund	Equip. Res. Fund
Total Budget Requirements	$8729.00	$3729.00	$5,000.00
Less Budget Resources, Except Taxes To Be Levied	6,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
Taxes Necessary to Balance Budget	2,479.00	2,479.00	
Add Taxes Estimated Not To Be Received During Ensuing Year	250.00	250.00	
TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED	2,729.00	2,729.00	
Within 6% Limitation	2,729.00	2,729.00	
TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED	2,729.00	2,729.00	
Total Budget Requirements	$9,844.00	$4,844.00	$5,000.00
Less Budget Resources, Except Taxes to be Levied	7,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Taxes Necessary to Balance Budget	2,344.00	2,344.00	
Add Taxes Estimated Not To Be Received During Ensuing Year	250.00	250.00	
TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED	2,594.00	2,594.00	
ANALYSIS OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED Within 6% Limitation	2,594.00	2,594.00	
TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED	2,594.00	2,594.00	

Statement of Indebtedness

Type of Indebtedness	Outstanding July 1, 1966 Current Yr. (Actual)	Ensuing Yr. (Estimated)
	NONE	NONE

Notice of Approval by Budget Committee
Approved by Budget Committee
July 21, 1967
ORVILLE J. BROWN,
Chairman of Budget Committee

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BY FUND
For the Fiscal Year 1967-1968
Beginning July 1, 1967
Gates Rural Fire Protection District

HISTORICAL DATA Actual: Second Preceding Year	Actual: First Preceding Year	Budget: Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year — Personal Services	Adopted
			Personal Services—	
$ 100.00	$ 110.00	$ 110.00	Secretary-Treasurer	$ 110.00
		400.00	Volunteer Call Payments	400.00
316.91	364.48	350.00	S. I. A. C.	400.00
		860.00	Total Personal Services	910.00
			Materials and Services—	
68.54	130.42	300.00	Equipment Operation and Maintenance	579.00
349.00	370.00	400.00	Insurance	400.00
143.71	1.40	50.00	Office Supplies and Expense	50.00
110.00	144.00	125.00	Legal and Audit	200.00
119.19	111.71	130.00	Election Expense and Budget Advertising	130.00
518.93	61.90	100.00	Organization Expense	100.00
	54.00	60.00	Contribution to Fire Hall Maintenance	60.00
		1165.00	Total Materials and Service	1519.00
		100.00	Operating Contingencies	100.00
1500.00	1000.00	2000.00	Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	500.00
			Capital Outlay—	
211.48	45.25	719.00	Equipment	700.00
			Unappropriated Surplus	000.00
		4844.00	Total Requirements	$3729.00

GENERAL FUND RESOURCES

HISTORICAL DATA Actual: Second Preceding Year	Actual: First Preceding Year	Budget: Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year	Adopted
			Bond Principal to Be Paid During Ensuing Year	
1846.38		2250.00	Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis)	1000.00
			Previously Levied Taxes Estimated to be Received	
214.07		250.00	During Ensuing Year	250.00
2060.45		2500.00	Total Resources, Except Taxes To Be Levied	1,250.00
		2344.00	Taxes Necessary to Balance Budget	2479.00
		4844.00	Total Resources	3729.00

EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND SUMMARY

HISTORICAL DATA Actual: Second Preceding Year	Actual: First Preceding Year	Budget: Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year	Adopted
			RESOURCES—	
2000.00	2000.00	3,000.00	Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis)	5000.00
	1000.00	2000.00	Transferred from other funds	500.00
2000.00	3000.00	5000.00	Total Resources	5500.00
			REQUIREMENTS—	
2000.00	3000.00	5000.00	Reserved for Expenditure in Future Years	5500.00