



Salem Scene

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"WILLAMETTE DOME" PLAN TERMED MULTIPLE ANSWER

Multiple choice: Which of the following would help to bolster Oregon's economy?

- a. more real property on the local tax rolls.
- b. expanded convention and tourist facilities.
- c. new income tax (and may-be sales tax) source.
- d. new smokeless industry and increased employment.

Correct answer is all of the above, according to proponents of a bold plan expected to gain Senate approval here this week. And they say their plan, contained in the single Senate Bill 539, can result in all of the above.

Essentially, the bill calls for the sale or lease of relatively unneeded state-owned land as one source of revenue to cooperate with cities and counties in building a giant "Willamette Dome" for public interest events.

Sen. Glenn Huston (D-Lebanon), chief sponsor, cites farmland now used unprofitably by state hospitals and corrections institutions as one example of property which should be put on long-term lease or sold to private interests—and thereby put on the tax rolls.

"The general fund has been subsidizing such farm operations for many years since they became outmoded," he says. "In many cases, such as the feed operation at the Oregon State Correctional Institution, they could save money by buying retail."

McLaren School for Boys already has begun phasing out row crop farming in favor of landscaping and other needed skills, Sen. Huston says. They also have agreed to eliminate the raising of beef and hogs.

"This is only one example. There is too much property—much of it prime subdivision property—not being taxed and not of extreme value to the state."

Property listed in SB 539 to be leased or sold in the public interest includes state campus dormitories, land held by the State Board of Control not actually used for buildings or grounds, the State Fair fairgrounds and any other real property except Oregon beaches or that being used or which

may be used in the public interest.

Sen. Huston is quick to point out that sale of the fairgrounds would not eliminate the State Fair. That property, worth \$3 million to \$4 million, would be retained until Willamette Dome facilities were ready to house the fair.

The dome envisioned would be built between Portland and Salem. SB 539 authorizes a minimum 50,000 and orizes the state to put up \$15 million, earmarked from the sale or lease of state property. Property sale revenue above that amount would go into the general fund for general government purposes.

Cities and counties may levy taxes and participate in acquisition, construction and running of the facility. Sen. Huston expects particular interest in the metropolitan tri-county area and possibly in Marion County.

Portland no longer has adequate accommodations for big national conventions, he says. The dome could be expected to stimulate building of nearby hotels, motels, restaurants and other tourist attractions.

"The Houston Astrodome is said to generate \$40 million to the Texas economy each year; they even charge tourists admission to view the inside," says the senator. "We don't expect anything that big, but the Willamette Dome would provide a healthy boost."

The facility would be used, according to the bill, for the State Fair, Pacific International Exposition, other exhibitions, athletic events and other activities of general interest. Sen. Huston believes it could attract prize fights, professional baseball and football to the area.

To ensure proper planning in the public interest, the measure directs the Legislative Fiscal Committee to conduct a feasibility study on needs, desirability and cost analysis of the plan. It is to report findings to the 1971 legislature, and before any money is spent.

In addition, an interim proposal for acquisition of the dome facility is to be developed by a board of state officers appointed by the governor. The board must include representatives of the Board of Control, State Land Board, Department

of Higher Education and State Fair Commission, and it would supervise disposition of the designated state property.

Sen. Huston is confident the bill, which lists 18 senators and 11 representatives of both parties as co-sponsors, will fare well in the House upon Senate passage.

"And why not? It provides for a big, clean, smokeless industry," he says. "At the same time, the plan will help generate new property taxes and new income taxes. And it gives everyone a share in the increased economy."

MEHAMA

Mrs. John Teeters

Spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schneider was his daughter Miss Diane Schneider and a friend Sue Friedlander. The girls plan on visiting a short time in San Francisco before they return to Washington, D. C. where they are employed.

Enjoying a family gathering at the Schneider home the 4th were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watts and children of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. David Schneider and son David of Stayton, Diane Schneider, Sue Friedlander and Mr. and Mrs. Schneider and Doug, Pfc. Dennis Schneider of Ft. Lewis, Wash., was a guest Saturday night of the Schneiders.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cooper went to Dale Thursday, July 3 and returned home Saturday evening. They took a trailer load of lumber which they plan on using to build a cabin near the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Castle. They reported that the Castles were about ready to put the roof on their house.

Visiting Tuesday, July 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Titze were Mr. and Mrs. Art Rice from Liberty Lake, Wash. Mrs. Titze's daughter,

Mrs. Harvey Buxton of Coos Bay arrived Saturday, July 5 for a few days visit at the Titze home. Mr. Titze is still convalescing from recent surgery and is progressing as good as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longfellow and son Rod went to Diamond Lake, June 28 for a weeks camping and fishing. They were joined there July 3 by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Teeters and son Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teeters and Trop. They all came home Sunday and stopped for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris McDonald at Glide.

Mr. Edward Titze visited Monday, June 30 with her mother Mrs. J. F. Webber in Sweet Home.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. W. A. Huelter and children Kurt and Karen left Saturday, July 5 for San Bernardino, Calif., where he is stationed. They had been guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sletto and also visited with his parents at Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson and four children of Brookings arrived Saturday, July 5 for a few days visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson. They all attended the Anderson Family picnic at Fisherman's Bend park on Sunday.



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