

Fleetwood to Receive Army Commission

The 22 Oregon State University seniors who will get commissions as army officers this year at graduation along with their regular academic degrees have received their branch assignment from the U. S. Army headquarters.

Willard F. Fleetwood of Mill City is among those graduating from the college of liberal arts and will have four years active duty in the military police branch.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The special session of the legislature is moving considerably faster than the regular session last year. The senate state and federal affairs committee of which I am a member has been meeting from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. breaking for full senate sessions and for meals. Both senate and house met on Saturday to help speed the process.

The special session was originally called to work on certain state agency budgets. Now however, the energy crisis has virtually overshadowed that subject and all other legislation being considered during this special session. The senate and house each have energy legislation which they are considering, but they differ in language.

On Saturday the senate discussed one version of the energy legislation and then returned it to the state and federal affairs committee for changes. The energy crisis and solutions for it are hard to come to grips with. Some legislation calls a commission to develop programs on energy resource allocations, conservation, consumption, production, and distribution. Other measures give this power to the governor and some legislators feel the constitution sets down guidelines to handle emergencies and the legislature should not give anyone blanket powers in dealing with this situation. Still others believe many problems with the energy crisis can only be solved by the federal government.

I had the privilege of carrying on the senate floor a measure allowing port districts, such as those along the Columbia River, to replenish water wells and reservoir supplies during peak runoff periods and use the water for irrigation purposes. This will allow more irrigation during the summer months and help insure us a supply of water at that time.

At the time of this writing, the legislature has been acting in an orderly manner and concluding its business fairly rapidly. This could only be accomplished through bi-partisan efforts.

It is my hope that we will be out of here in a short time, but I do not want us to commit the errors that appeared as a result of the regular session when bills were pushed through so fast that many legislators were unable to thoroughly study their ramifications.

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The 1974 special session of the Oregon Legislature adjourned "Sine Die" at 1:12 a.m. Sunday morning after twelve long days out of the last 13 with their deliberation and action (or inaction as the case may be). The total length of the session will be 13 days by adding the one day meeting in January.

I am going to relate briefly on some action taken and will follow up later with short articles on individual measures.

The governor was granted a 30 day state of emergency authority for setting priorities for fuel use and allocating gas. If the emergency exists beyond that time he must call the legislature back into session for further authority.

The subdivision control act re-enacted in January was heavily amended and passed. It will authorize the real estate commissioner to keep the present enlarged staff he said he needs to provide effective enforcement of the present law.

A conflict of interest bill was passed and moved to let the people of Oregon decide what kind of public disclosure law should apply to public servants. The issue is placed on the ballot for the November general election.

The Legislature yielded again to the threat of losing federal highway money and approved a bill allowing a maximum 55 mile per hour speed limit. It would let the transportation commission fix maximum limits in time of gasoline shortages instead of the now designated speed of 55 miles per hour.

In the way of school support and taxation there were no new measures approved. A substitute resolution was approved to appear on the primary election in May to create new tax bases for school districts and to allow that tax base to increase by an amount equal to 5 1/2% annually.

Television repairmen who have been in business five years or more received a year's reprieve from taking a state examination. These long-time repairmen will have until July 1, 1974 to take the examination required by a 1971 law.

The ballot measure to increase the VA loan fund bonding capacity was moved from the November general election to the May primary election.

A measure to increase the gross weight allowed for a pickup with a \$10 annual license fee from 6000 lbs. to 8000 lbs. was approved. This was the only measure I asked to have introduced into the special session.

Two bills of major importance passed by the senate which died in house committees upon adjournment were measures to increase the wheat tax from 1/2-cent to one cent and to allow expenditures for site preparation for nuclear power plants be increased from \$250,000 to \$5,000,000. Many other senate and house bills died in the opposite assembly upon adjournment.

It would not be surprising to me if the legislature is called back into special session at least once more this year and it may be only a matter of weeks away.

State Parks Have Temporary Change In Rules

The Oregon Transportation Commission recently approved a temporary rule as an amendment to State Park Rules and Regulations designed to assist in alleviating the severe problems being faced by owners of recreation vehicles as a result of the fuel shortage. The rule is effective immediately.

A portion of the amendment change will permit recreation vehicles to stay 30 consecutive days in any state park overnight camping area that is open. Present time limit is seven consecutive days.

Another portion of the amendment will permit storage at an individual campsite for a recreation vehicle for up to 30 days at a charge of \$1.00 per night. The regular fee will be charged when the unit is occupied. This amendment will apply to 10% of the campsites in the parks that are now in operation during the winter.

The amendment will expire on May 15. The rules will be in effect at the following seven parks now open: Fort Stevens, Cape Lookout, Beverly Beach, Jessie M. Honeyman, Bullards Beach, Harris Beach and Valley of the Rogue. On April 12, it will apply to all parks until the expiration date.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to say a few words in defense of the Idanha Fire District. The district IS UNDER FIRE BECAUSE OF A 15-20 MINUTE DELAY in responding to a day time fire. It seems to me to be a much more constructive thing to instead, offer help to the fire district. Admittedly the district has a problem in getting crews in the daytime. Nearly all of our men work at their jobs during the day. They must be pulled off their jobs to man the trucks during the day and that takes precious time. Oddly enough, all the times when the district has been Johnny-on-the-Spot in the night time and early morning hours has gone unnoticed and certainly unthanked. I really wonder how many of the gripers have jumped out of bed at 3:00 a.m., rushed to a fire, put it out, hauled in yard after yard of wet, dirty hose after everyone else has gone home, readied the truck for future fires and parked it in the station, then gone home barely in time to eat a bit of something before it's time to go to work?

How many of the gripers realize the evenings and Saturdays spent by the deputies and fire chief on the trucks, in repair and replacing, with no pay but volunteered time? How many of them would do it?

How many know the money and time consumed in maintaining a firehall with a nice social room free of charge to the use of the residents here in the area?

How many can even conceive of getting a government grant just so this area could have a fine new ambulance at their service?

How many realize the hours and hours and HOURS volunteered from the fire district spent in learning emergency care of the sick and injured solely for the purpose of those here who for one reason or another find themselves in need of medical help? How many have ever gone out or volunteered their time to learn to drive the ambulance so they can be available when needed?

How many know that right now, volunteers for the district are spending two evenings a week going to Stayton to learn even more advanced emergency medical training so they will be even better qualified to help those who need

it? I could go on and on with this "How Many" list. . . . Yet a few, who have nothing better to do than sit on their lazy back-sides, criticize the district for the problems it

does have. I'm behind the Idanha Fire District 100%. I hope any others that are too will say a few words in behalf of the district and others will offer their help and willingness to the

district, and will work with them to form a better and better fire protection organization.

Sincerely,
MARTHA TAYLOR
Idanha, Oregon

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The budget for Linn-Benton Intermediate Education District for the fiscal year 1974-75. Beginning July 1, 1974 as detailed and summarized in the accompanying schedules was not 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 or obtained between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the I.E.D. office. A meeting of the I.E.D. Board will be held March 13, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. at I.E.D. office, Albany, County Courthouse, Corv. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

E. W. POLAND
(Chairman of Governing Body)

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Total Tax Levy to be Certified to the Assessor on Form LB-59			
Last Year	This Year	Next Year	
72-73	73-74	74-75	
Levy Within 6% Limitation	\$ 3,343,027.04	\$ 3,543,608.46	\$ 3,756,224.97
Levy Outside 6% Limitation	5,284,099.56	6,936,099.40	7,357,518.73
Total Proposed Levy	8,627,126.60	10,479,707.86	11,113,815.70
Total Budget All Funds	\$ 9,149,126.60	\$11,420,507.86	\$11,933,075.70

TYPE OF INDEBTEDNESS	Outstanding July 1		Authorized, Not Incurred, July 1	
	This Year (Actual)	Next Year (Est.)	This Year (Actual)	Next Year (Est.)
Bonds				
Interest Bearing Warrants				
Short Term Notes				
Total Indebtedness				

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BE LEVIED	Contracted Services Fund or Program		
	Last Year 72-73	This Year 73-74	Next Year 74-75
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	\$ 222,805.17	\$ 295,000	\$ 257,824
Total Materials and Services	98,230.91	85,000	296,550
Total Capital Outlay	25,998.59	3,500	3,000
Total All Other Requirements	67,539.92	492,500	352,626
Total Budget Requirements	414,574.59	876,000	910,000
Total Budget Resources	\$ 414,574.59	\$ 876,000	\$ 910,000

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET	General Fund or Program		
	Last Year 72-73	This Year 73-74	Next Year 74-75
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	\$ 275,727.87	\$ 324,472	\$ 371,672
Total Materials and Services	98,650.89	171,107	299,015
Total Capital Outlay	5,920.02	2,800	43,500
Total All Other Requirements	40,134.45	180,000	163,625
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	420,433.23	678,379	877,812
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	43,337.45	64,800	20,000
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	403,862.00		
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance		613,579	857,812
Estimated Tax Not to be Received		91,200	110,740
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied		\$ 704,719	\$ 968,522
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation		\$ 704,719	\$ 968,522

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET	Equalization Levy Fund or Program		
	Last Year 72-73	This Year 73-74	Next Year 74-75
Total All Other Requirements	\$ 8,223,264.60	\$ 9,774,928.86	\$10,145,263.70
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	8223,264.60	9,774,928.86	10,145,263.70
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance		9,774,928.86	10,145,263.70
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied		9,774,928.86	10,145,263.70
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation		2,838,829.46	2,787,672.97
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation		\$ 6,936,099.40	\$ 7,357,590.73

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