

High Costs May Bring Property Tax

PORTLAND, Sept. 13 (AP)—The possibility that Oregon may be forced to levy a property tax that will not be offset by other revenues was hinted by the interim legislative tax committee yesterday.

Such a levy could be required in the biennium beginning in 1952, members said, because of an anticipated \$22,000,000 deficit by 1951.

State tax commission analyst William Collier said the deficit estimate was a minimum figure. He said if government costs continue to rise, and he believes they are more likely to go up than down, the anticipated deficit will be much higher. Only the use of what he termed the "cushion fund" of \$13,000,000 would hold the deficit below the minimum figure, he said. This fund is maintained to keep property taxes from actually being levied in a year of low tax collections.

Collier noted that the current biennium budget is \$139,262,607 compared with the previous biennium budget of \$78,149,527.

Senator Howard C. Belton, Clackamas county, committee chairman, said he had a "very strong feeling we may go back to the state property tax." This came as Rep. Eugene Marsh, Yamhill county, noted that the property tax problems of the counties may one day be shared by the state government.

HIGH SCHOOL News and Comments

By Flo Ann Perkins



Ronnie Sterland has been selected as the boy to wear the large hat and twirl the drum major's baton this year as he directs the marching band in its drills. Several try-outs have been held and Ronnie was the final selection.

Each homeroom will elect a representative and alternate to the KUHS student congress tomorrow during activity period. These elections are held every semester and the representatives or their alternates attend the student congress meetings, express their opinions and give reports back to the homerooms of the goings on in student congress.

Pep Peppers had the emblems placed on the back of their sweaters today as the finishing touch to their uniforms. Skirts this year will be pleated all around and white knit gloves and white bandanas have been added to the regulation uniform. The uniforms will be worn for the first time, Friday.

Brandishing receipt books at anyone available, Krater staff members can be seen diligently trying to sell Krater subscriptions for the one dollar subscription price. The campaign has officially begun and each Krater staff member is trying to outdo the others on subscriptions sold.

This is the first year of teaching for Joe Keuter (pronounced Kway-ter), since he just graduated from the University of Oregon. His classes all consist of the same subject—freshman English.

Fishing and hunting are his favorite hobbies, but he declined telling any "fish stories," although he modestly admitted he had caught some big ones. His hunting talents run to ducks and pheasants and he expects a busy time of it this year. Mr. Keuter is married and has one child. During the war, he served as a sergeant in the army in both Okinawa and Japan.

Mr. Keuter mentioned that he likes the Klamath Falls climate because it is much like that of his home town, Boise, Idaho. He added, "I think the kids at KUHS are swell."

Barn Fire Destroys Cattle, Hay

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 13 (AP)—Fire destroyed a large dairy barn filled with hay and nine head of cattle west of here yesterday.

Damage was estimated by Elmer Ruffner, owner, at \$75,000 to \$100,000. The barn contained 175 tons of hay. Firemen said a spark in a hay drier was believed to have started the blaze.

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Gene Rambo Favored For Rodeo Title

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The current standings, covering more than 60 major Western and Canadian rodeos, list a number of Cow Palace favorites in the "first 10" including Bud Linderman, 1947 all-around title-holder, Casey Tibbs, Jim Shouder, Harry Thompkins, Ike Thomason, Bill Linderman, Homer Pettigrew, Chuck Sheppard and Ross Dollarhide.

More than \$25,000 in cash awards and entry fees will be contested for in the dual IRA and Grand National competitions during the ten-day Cow Palace show. Six IRA championships will be determined during that period, including the major championship, the all-around, as well as the national championships for saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and bull riding.

During last year's thrilling competition the championship in one event, calf-roping, was won in the final moments of the last night's competition when a record-breaking rope-and-tie by Buck Sorrells, Tucson, Arizona, enabled him to overtake Toots Mansfield, of Big Springs, Texas, and nail down the title.

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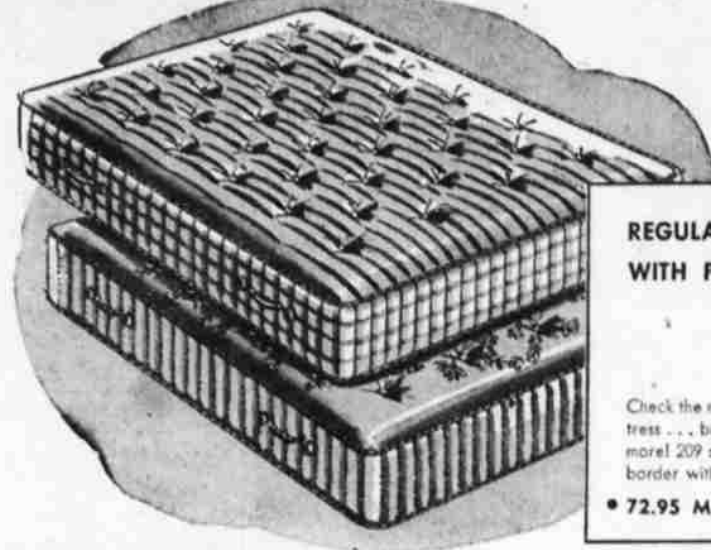
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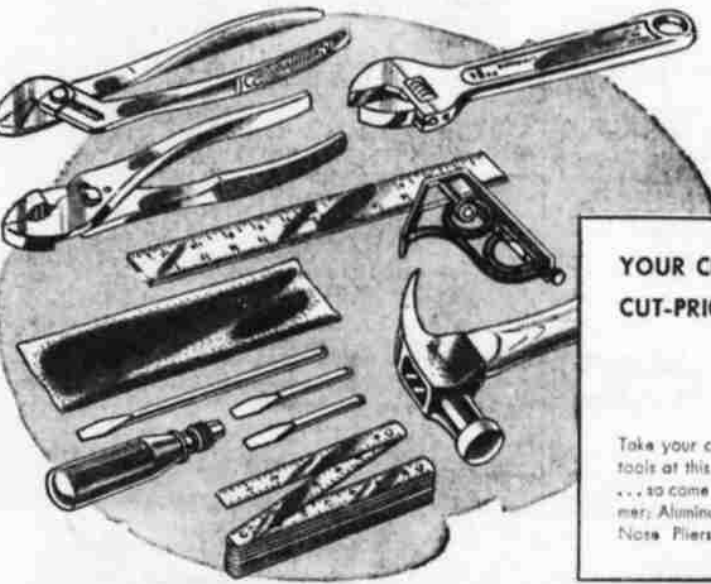


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