

Oregon Finances Said In Fair Shape

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — Oregon's financial experts made dire predictions a year ago that the 1953 Legislature would have the mountainous job of balancing a budget in the red by \$100 million of dollars.
They thought state income tax collections, which then were sagging, would keep on dropping.
Now things look pretty good.
The lawmakers, when they meet next January, will have a financial problem. But it probably will be a small one compared with the headache that has been expected.

Income tax collections for the year which ended July 1, 1951, were \$60 million. But instead of dropping, they soared to \$63 million for the fiscal year ended last July 1. And it looks like collections still are on the increase.
It's too early to tell yet just what the Legislature will have to do to balance the books for the next two-year budget period.
The answer will be ready about Nov. 1. There's a new law that State Finance Director Harry S. Dorman and the State Tax Commission have to make a report just before the general election on the state's financial prospects.
Budgets of state departments will be higher because of inflation, Dorman said. Most of the departmental budget requests have been submitted to Dorman, and a lot

of them are up 10 per cent.
Dorman thinks the Legislature will have an unbalanced budget, all right, but he adds it will be a lot less than the \$100 million.
The increase in state government costs is surprising. The 1951 Legislature appropriated \$180 million for the present two-year budget period. Only 10 years ago, the biennial cost was \$71 million, and less 91 people thought that was high.
These figures don't include costs of running those self-sustaining departments which collect their own taxes and fees, such as the Highway Commission.
In addition to the \$180 million appropriated by the last Legislature, a total of \$25 million was spent by the self-sustaining departments.
Nobody ever thought income tax collections would grow like they have. In 1951, collections were \$63 million, compared with \$60 million for last year.

If the people vote for the cigarette tax in November, then the Legislature might solve its financial problem by levying a small property tax or some other tax.
Dorman's Finance Department, created by the 1951 Legislature, is working steadily to reduce the requests by departments. His budget director, LaVerne Young, is calling in each department head and going over each budget thoroughly.
The budget division also keeps a running check on spending, cutting some departments even under the amounts authorized by the Legislature.
As a result, Young says, a surprising amount of money appropriated by the 1951 Legislature will be turned back into the state general fund.
Dorman is studying the operations of state departments, and he hopes the number of employees and state-owned cars can be reduced.
Dorman points out that of the \$180 million appropriated by the 1951 Legislature, half was voted by the people. This means that when the Legislature wants to cut costs, it can't touch the amounts authorized by the voters.
Dorman thinks, however, that by holding the budget down, the state won't be in too bad shape come January.

Nursery Set For Art School

A nursery has been set up this year for persons wishing to attend the Fourth Annual Arts and Crafts Leadership Training Institute next month at the YMCA here.
Date for the affair is Oct. 6-10 and Oct. 13-16.
The arts and crafts institute this year, as last, is to feature Frank Staples, one of the nation's best known arts and crafts authorities.
The nursery will be maintained during the morning sessions which are to run from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. The evening sessions are to be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m.
Registration for the institute is being taken at the Chamber of

Commerce, 325 Main Street, or at the YMCA, 722 Pine Street.
The sessions are to be held in the YMCA's downstairs recreation room.
Staples has been recognized as an outstanding man in his field nationally, and taught an arts and crafts course here earlier this year.
This second course will not necessarily duplicate the first, and those participating in the earlier one indicated almost unanimously that they would like to have another session later.
The affair is sponsored by the Klamath Basin Leadership Council, the City Recreation Department and the National Recreation Association, and is for all persons interested in professional and volunteer youth leadership.

NLRB Orders Elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board announced Thursday it has ordered collective bargaining elections to determine what union shall represent galley workers on west coast ships.
But no date was set for balloting. The NLRB simply directed that its regional director in San Francisco hold the election "as soon as convenient."
The NLRB decided that two elections will be necessary: one covering employees of Pacific Maritime Association, and its member shipping companies, and the other, employees of the Shipowners Association of the Pacific Coast, and its members.
The PMA is an association of large companies operating ships in the offshore, intercoastal and Alaska trades. The SAPC is a group of companies running smaller vessels, generally referred to as steam schooners, between west coast ports, carrying lumber and paper as main cargoes.
The AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific originally petitioned for the collective bargaining elections, on behalf of the AFL Marine Cooks and Stewards Union.
In the SAPC election the galley workers are to vote on whether they want to be represented by the AFL Marine Cooks, the Independent National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards or the CIO National Maritime Union.
The PMA ballots will carry the names of only the AFL union and the independent.

UO Professor Dies At 70

EUGENE (AP) — Ray P. Bowen, 70, who headed the Romance language department at the University of Oregon 22 years until his retirement in 1947, died Wednesday.
Publisher of many learned papers, he had been a lecturer at the Sorbonne in Paris, and at Northwestern and Stanford Universities.
His teaching, in addition to that at Oregon, was at Cornell and Syracuse in New York State, Huron College in South Dakota, Earlham College in Indiana, and Colorado College.

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FISHERMEN—Don Long, 12, 1237 Front, caught the most fish at last Saturday's annual youngster's fish derby held at the Moore Park Lagoon. He's shown at left holding the three he caught. Chuck Smith, 10, 504 Victory Drive, won the grand prize for the largest fish in the derby, while little Cheryl Reinmiller, 1325 Worden, won the girls' grand prize for the biggest fish caught by a girl. The contest was sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., Izzak Walton, and the City Recreation Department.

Goal Set For Burn Seeding

FOREST GROVE (AP) — A goal of five million seedlings on 5,000 to 6,000 acres was set for this winter's Tulelake Burn reforestation program in addition to helicopter seeding will cover 7,100 acres.

Frank Sargeant, rehabilitation assistant for the northwest forest district, said 40 prison trustees working out of the South Fork Camp and 40 other workers would handle the planting. The second crop of 40 will be made mostly of men from fire suppression crews who want to stay on for the winter.

The reseeded will start Oct. 20 if there have been enough rains by that time, Sargeant said.
The aerial seeding job will be on the site of a September, 1951, fire. Dean Johnson, McMinville, has the contract.

R. M. Kallander, state rehabilitation forester, said that the survival rate has been good. In 1949, first year of the 18-year planting program, 9,700 acres were seeded by air and survival is listed at 80 per cent. Hand-planting survival from the same year is 65 per cent.

Radioactive Water Muled

PORTLAND (AP) — Water works engineers already are preparing measures to guard drinking water from the newest of possible dangers—radioactive contamination.
Some 40 of them from Oregon and Washington are at the Reed College chemical laboratory in a three-day study under sponsorship of the health in each state and the U. S. Public Health Service.

Speakers warned that an atomic bomb could bring the contamination overland, but that there also is possible danger from the fast-increasing industrial use of radioactive material.
Waste products in such plants must be watched closely, they said, adding that so far there has been no such contamination. They pointed out that the Hanford Atomic Energy Works keeps a close check on radioactive waste which is dumped into the Columbia River.

Pavlat Checks In at Oregon

EUGENE (AP) — Dick Pavlat, the hard-running Astoria halfback who was named the most valuable player in the recent Shrine high school all-star game in Portland, registered at the University of Oregon Wednesday.

Pavlat earlier was on the Stanford campus, but said he decided to return to his native state because he intended to live in Oregon after completing college.

After registration, he drew his football uniform, and joined the Fresh squad.

LOST EYE
MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — The electrically operated main entrance door of the Sears, Roebuck & Co. store didn't swing open as customers approached. Somebody stole the electric eye, the company reported to police.

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