

Oregon Legislature Faces Budget Problems In 1955

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — A shortage of experienced House members and a return to the two-party system probably will slow the 1955 Legislature.

When you consider that the new Legislature, which meets here Jan. 10, will have great difficulty balancing the budget, it spells trouble.

Of the 60 House members, only 10 have previous service. In the 10-member Senate, the picture is much better, with 26 experienced men. These include 11 who weren't up for reelection this year, six who were reelected, and nine who have served in the House.

Oregon hasn't had a two-party Legislature since 1937. Since then,

the Democratic membership usually has been so small it could hardly be noticed.

But things will be different in the new House, which will have 35 Republicans and 25 Democrats. That's the biggest Democratic total since 1937, when the Democrats had a 33 to 21 lead.

The Senate will have 24 Republicans and six Democrats, which is a Democratic gain of two seats. They haven't controlled the Senate for some 80 years, but in 1935 they narrowed the gap to 17-13.

The Democratic gain in the House was surprising. The party had only 11 seats two years ago, and now it has 25.

The last Democratic speaker of the House was Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls lawyer. That was in 1937. Boivin continued to serve in three sessions after that, and then quit.

Now he's coming back, this time to the Senate.

This brings up an interesting sidelight in connection with Boivin's speakership.

In that 1937 session, State Rep. Earl H. Hill, Cushman (Lane County) Republican, had enough Republican votes to assure him the speakership. But most of the Republicans were defeated, and the House went Democratic. That left Hill out in the cold, and Boivin became speaker.

Hill still is in the House.

This time, State Rep. David C. Baum, La Grande, had the speakership sewed up, and the men who save him pledges were elected. But Baum got caught in the Democratic tide that swept Union County, and he didn't get reelected.

So the speakership goes to Rep. Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls rancher. The Senate president will be Elmo Smith, John Day weekly newspaper publisher.

Weather

Grants Pass and vicinity—Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain through Friday. Low Thursday night 36; high Friday 36.

Northern California—Variable cloudiness with showers through Friday; snow in high mountains; little temperature change. Decreasing southerly winds near coast.

Baker and vicinity—Clearing Thursday night; partly cloudy Friday. Low Thursday night 18-23; high Friday 35-40.

Western Oregon—Clear in north and cloudy with occasional rain in south through Friday; little change in temperature. Highs 45-50; low Thursday night 25-35 in north, 35-45 in south. Winds along coast easterly, 12-25 m.p.h. through Thursday night, becoming southeasterly, 15-28 m.p.h. Friday.

Eastern Oregon—Mostly cloudy through Friday with occasional light rain or snow; little change in temperature. Highs 35-45; low Thursday night 18-28.

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24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Thursday

	Max.	Min.	Prp.
Baker	38	29	--
Bend	32	15	--
Klamath Falls	41	32	.04
Lakeview	42	33	.04
Medford	50	39	.21
Newport	50	38	--
North Bend	55	39	--
Ontario	42	30	--
Portland	43	25	--
Portland (Airport)	46	26	--
Roseburg	47	31	--
Salem	45	27	--
Boise	47	30	--
Chicago	39	21	.03
Denver	32	14	--
Eureka	55	45	.76
Los Angeles	67	51	--
New York	43	29	--
Red Bluff	45	39	2.43
San Francisco	56	52	1.24
Seattle	45	31	--
Spokane	34	22	--

Waterfowl Count Taken From Air

EPHRATA (AP) — An aerial census of waterfowl on the main water areas of the Columbia Basin project brought an over-all estimate of 72,200 ducks and 27,675 geese.

The duck concentration is the largest tallied since the pumps began to fill the storage reservoirs from behind Grand Coulee Dam. The previous census high mark was 81,450 ducks on the same waters two years ago.

The census count was made by Don Galbreath, game biologist. By far the biggest waterfowl population was on the big equalizing reservoir. It was credited with 32,700 ducks and 8,000 geese.

Elks Memorial Service Slated

The annual Elks Memorial Service honoring names of members who died during the past year will be held Sunday, December 5, 2 p.m., in the Elks Temple.

This ceremony which is held in all subordinate lodges early each December is open to the public and to all wives and families of those members being honored.

Chairman of this service is esteemed leading knight, Ed Hickman who has announced a special musical program and other numbers.

The officers of the lodge will participate in the impressive ritual. All members of the lodge and their wives are urged to be present for the service.

Names of the former Elks being honored will be inscribed on the Elks memorial tablet, including Jack Heacock, Ernest Koschnick, Paul Farrow, Edward C. Clark, M. L. Johnson, Don C. Fisher, W. L. Tingley, Alex Brearcliffe, Francis D. Manning, H. A. Jewett, Jack Bruchou, Donald R. Chase, Ronald P. Thrasber, F. W. Wendt, Otto Sari and Charles E. Drew Jr.

Brakeman Dies In Auto Crash

PORTLAND (AP) — A head-on highway collision killed one person and injured six others, two of them critically, on the Columbia River Highway near Bridal Veil, east of here, Wednesday.

John F. McNally, 37, Wishram, Wash., railroad brakeman, was killed in the crash and his two companions were injured. They were Clyde R. Houldron, 33, a soldier from Hanford, Wash., and Hubert Pate, also a Wishram brakeman.

State police said their westbound car was traveling at high speed when a gust of wind veered the car into an eastbound automobile.

Injured in the other car were Hans Burdeshagen, 28, Grass Valley, Ore.; his wife, Frances, 31, and their two children, Vicki, 3, and Patti, 2. They were in fair condition Thursday.

The election solved the Senate's severe shortage of lawyers, but created such a shortage in the House.

Lawyers are necessary in the Legislature. They are needed to handle the many technical matters. The Senate used to have two law committees—Judiciary and Revision of Laws. A few years ago, it had to combine them into a single committee, because there weren't enough of them to man two committees.

In 1953, the Senate had only six lawyers for the seven-man Judiciary Committee. Sen. Stewart Hardie, Condon publisher, was made the seventh member of the committee.

In the new Senate, there are nine lawyers.

But in the House, which always has had two lawyer committees up to now, there will be only seven lawyers. That will be enough for only one law committee.

Of those seven lawyers, five are Democrats. So it looks as though the Democrats will run the House Judiciary Committee.

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Marionette Show Slated

Six performances of a marionette show will be presented at J. W. Kerns, 734 South Sixth, starting with the first one at 3 p.m. Friday afternoon, Ben Kerns has announced.

Weeks of work have gone into the building of a puppet show. A stage has been built and all the props prepared under the supervision of experts. Helping Kerns put the show together have been Gordon Kensler, head of the art department of Klamath elementary schools, and Mrs. Kensler and Mrs. Roberta Blomquist, head of the KHS drama department.

The story of Santa Claus' trouble with the bad witches, the deep concern of his faithful elves and his final rescue by the good fairy in time to bring Christmas gifts to the children of Klamath Falls was written by Ben Kerns as "A Christmas Fable."

At the conclusion of the 20-minute Christmas, fairy tale, Santa Claus will bring Grater Lake ice cream to all of the children in the audience.

The motion picture, "Never a Dull Moment," stars Irene Dunn and Fred McMurray. There will be 40 minutes of cartoons and grocery night prizes.

The club is raising \$6,000 to buy a modern, larger ambulance for use of the Tulelake, Main and Merrill communities, to replace the present inadequate vehicle.

Tulelake Firm Faces Suit

TULELAKE — A suit has been filed in district court in Yreka against Gresham Motors of Tulelake, seeking payment of \$875 for money allegedly due on a property lease.

The complaint was filed by Mrs. Rose S. Locke, owner of the property. Mrs. Locke charges that she entered into a lease agreement with E. J. Gresham and E. E. Gresham, Tulelake, on March 28, 1952.

The complaint also states that the defendants became indebted for the amount stated, on November 1 of this year for rental payments.

The suit also asks for \$275 attorney fees and that the Greshams cover the cost of the suit. J. Everett Barr, Yreka, is attorney for Mrs. Locke.

Paganini String Quartet Presented To KF Audience

By PATI O'CONNOR
The Klamath Community Concert Association presented the Paganini Quartet in concert at the Pelican Theater Wednesday evening, the second of a series of four musical offerings of the season.

The artists are Henri Temianka, first violin; Gustave Rosseels, second violin; Charles Foidart, viola and Lucien LaPorte, cello. Their instruments are four fabulous Paganini Strads, and it is from these instruments that the quartet so deservedly takes its name.

The graciousness of the artists and the captivating commentaries of Temianka set the stage for the quartet's concert of chamber music.

Temianka has said that people have discovered that chamber music is the clearest as well as the purest form of music. "Within the confines of a string quartet," he says, "there can be complete emotional satisfaction. At the same time, the use of only four instruments makes it easy to follow every line of the web of which great music is spun, every harmony and melodic development, every delicate shading."

This music lover can do no more than applaud the truth of his statement as evidenced in the simple elegance of the quartet's exhibited artistry.

Ridiculous materials are the components of sublime music, as Temianka humorously observed. He explained the materials used in the violin — spruce on top ("not pine, although it is full of pitch!"), maple on back and sides, ebony in auxiliary parts. The bow hair is from a horse's tail; the strings from the innards of sheep.

"So playing the violin consists in drawing a horse's tail across a sheep's innards!" the witty artist concluded.

But the quartet's sensitive phrasing and rich, mellow and polished tones proved their individual artistic abilities. Beethoven's Opus 80, No. 2 in G major, which opened the program, was superb. Their varied repertoire proved that moderns have a recognized place in the world of music composition. The last movement from Darius Milhaud's Quartet No. 7 earned our praise for the contemporary French composer. The "discordant harmonies" indicative of the modern world characterized the composition and allowed a multitude of personal interpretations and associations.

The concert association can, we think, claim credit for another rewarding presentation.

Average Wage Shows Gain

SALEM (AP) — Average earnings of workers in the Portland area reached a new high of \$78.93 a week during October, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission reported Wednesday.

The average was \$75.34 in September, and \$77.05 in October, 1953.

The Portland area includes Clark County, Wash., and Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in Oregon.

Hourly earnings averaged \$2.03 in October, compared with \$1.97 a year ago, and \$1.88 in October, 1952.

The highest paid workers are those in the printing and publishing industry, with a weekly average of \$101.39 a week in October. Machinery workers were second with \$88.82, and metal workers third with \$87.26.

Non-farm employment in October in the four counties totaled 243,400 persons, compared with 247,900 in September, and 248,900 in October, 1953.

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