

New Budget Concerns State Agencies More

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.

SALEM (AP) — State agencies which howled in protest against the 296-million-dollar budget of former Gov. Robert Holmes are even more worried now.

While they had been counting on the Legislature to be more generous than Holmes was, they now have learned that the lawmakers intend to cut even the Holmes budget.

Senate President Walter Pearson, who says he speaks for the Democratic majority, predicts the Legislature will appropriate 290 million dollars. That would lop six million off the Holmes budget.

These budget figures do not include what might be spent for new institution and college buildings. The Democrats hope they can add another 15 million for buildings, and then ask the people to approve a bond issue for long-range building needs.

While Pearson says he speaks for all the Democrats in saying that the Legislature will not increase income taxes and will reject a cigarette tax, House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) does not go quite that far. He says it's too early to make any flat statements.

Pearson said his statement was approved by the Democrats in caucus. At the same time, he disclosed the names of members of the Democratic steering committee.

They are Pearson; Duncan; Chairman Alfred H. Corbett, Portland, of the Senate Ways and Means Committee; Chairman Ward Cook, Portland, of the Senate Taxation Committee; Chairman Clarence Barton, Coquille, of the House Taxation Committee; and Chairman Keith Skelton, Eugene, of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Pearson considers himself as the spokesman for the Democratic Party in Oregon. And he showed signs of being irked because other legislative Democrats are issuing statements.

The Democrats, by opposing Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposed income tax increase and his proposed tax on tobacco, expect that the people will bless them in the 1960 elections.

The five House Republicans who came out against Hatfield's income tax increase this week say they have lots of support in their districts.

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The Klamath Falls school district ranks among the top five schools in classroom teacher salaries, according to a recent survey compiled by Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of schools in Medford.

B.A. (with no experience)	
Coos Bay	4200
KLAMATH FALLS	4200
Roseburg	4100
Astoria	4000
Grants Pass	4000
La Grande	3910
Medford	3900
Baker	3900
Pendleton	3900
The Dalles	3900
Salem	3870
Bend	3800
Corvallis	3800
Springfield	3700
Eugene	3700
McMinnville	3700
M.A. (with no experience)	
Coos Bay	4800
KLAMATH FALLS	4600
Astoria	4400
Grants Pass	4400
Roseburg	4350
Medford	4300
Baker	4200
Pendleton	4200
La Grande	4110
Salem	4110
The Dalles	4100
Bend	4000
Corvallis	4000
Springfield	4000
Eugene	3984
McMinnville	3950
B.A. (Highest Beginning for Experience)	
Medford	5600
Corvallis	5600
KLAMATH FALLS	5700
Coos Bay	5244
La Grande	5210
Bend	5100
Pendleton	5100
Roseburg	5100
Salem	5070
Baker	5000
Astoria	4900
McMinnville	4800
Eugene	4758
Springfield	4700
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The Dalles	4600

PTA NEWS

ALAMONT PTA

The Alamont PTA held a meeting February 17 after having postponed it because of snow. After a short business meeting in which the possibility of ID cards for the children of the two schools was discussed, Mrs. Willard Cedarleaf, president, then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Lee Saunders, program chairman.

The following past presidents were present and honored with a lovely growing plant: Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, Mrs. Cecil Barkdoll, Mrs. George Hick, Mrs. R. E. Wanser, Mrs. Ralph Nelson, Mrs. Orville Ferrell, Mrs. Earl Sheridan, Mrs. Rollin Thompson, Mrs. George Meade, and Mrs. Duane Cassidy.

Mrs. John Putnam, county council president, was also present as was Mrs. Jean Porter, a retired teacher.

Mrs. Jack Wright, the teacher with the most years of uninterrupted service in the Junior High read a short history of the Alamont PTA.

Refreshments were served by the first and sixth grade mothers and a silver offering for Founders Day was received.

The Rev. Freeman L. Schmitt led the devotional part of the meeting.

Funeral
STINGLEY

FORT ROCK — Funeral services for Charley Stingley were held here March 4 at the Fort Rock Grange Hall. Mr. Stingley died in Bend after a prolonged illness at his home here. Burial was at the Fort Rock cemetery.

Mr. Stingley came to the Fort Rock Valley in 1906, homesteading at Fremont. Two years later he returned to California. When his wife, Josie, died in 1918 leaving four children under the age of 4 his mother, living on the homestead here with her sons Albert and Ivy, brought the children to live with them.

Mr. Stingley was in Bend for several years. In the 1920's they moved to Ivy Stingley's homestead east of Fort Rock where he resided until his death. In recent years Mr. Stingley was in partnership with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ward.

Mr. Stingley was a native of Santa Rosa, California, born April 5, 1887. He was 71 years of age. He was a member of Fort Rock Grange.

The Rev. Alfred Russell of Lakeview officiated. Niswonger and Winslow of Bend were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Fred Wright, Andy Hergert, Edwin Eskelin, Sid Munnerlyn, Richard Schaub and F. A. Frazier.

Survivors are sons Charles and Harry of Salem, daughters Mrs. Maurice Ward of Fort Rock and Mrs. Ted Emery, Silver Lake, a brother Albert of Riddle and seven grandchildren. All were able to attend the services except two grandchildren. Also attending were Mrs. Bill Emery of Placerville, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Emery Stingley of Rogue River.

ESTEP
DUNSMUIR—Requiem Mass was said for Morris Glen Estep at St. John's Catholic Church on Thursday morning with Father James Casey officiating. Burial was in the Mount Shasta Cemetery. Estep died March 2 in the Siskiyou County General Hospital in Yreka. He had been ill for the past nine years. Prior to that time he had been a postal clerk in Dunsmuir. Born April 2, 1912, in Dallas, Texas, he had lived in Dunsmuir for 25 years. He leaves the widow, Louise; two daughters, Mrs. Diony Welch of San Francisco and Lillian Estep of Dunsmuir; a son, David, who is currently serving in the Army. Holy Rosary was said at Noble's Chapel in Mount Shasta on Wednesday evening.

HILL
MONTAGUE — Funeral services were held for George Albert "Bert" Hill, 84, of Montague on Thursday morning, March 5, at the graveside in the Evergreen Cemetery, Yreka, with the Rev. W. P. Carpenter of Montague officiating. Mr. Hill died on March 2 in the Siskiyou County General Hospital, after being hospitalized about 10 days. He was born on August 28, 1874 in Iowa, residing and working as a ranch hand for many years in the Montague area before his retirement. He was never married. His only known survivor is a brother, Ed Hill of Pendleton, British Columbia.

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Assembly Member Gives Information On New Bills

YREKA—The office of Assemblywoman Pauline Davis in Sacramento has released some information on pertinent assembly bills.

A bill to abolish California's primary election crosslisting system was passed by the assembly last week and sent to the senate.

The vote on the measure was 49 to 29. Passage of the bill was preceded by a long, hard floor battle which resulted in rejection of amendments which sought to bring into the measure a prohibition against pre-primary endorsements by either official or unofficial groups using the name of a political party.

This amendment obviously was aimed at eliminating the endorsement activities of the California Democratic Council and the California Republican Assembly. However, this endorsement issue is not dead yet. The senate president pro-tempore has announced that he will seek to insert the pre-primary endorsement ban during upper house consideration of the bill.

A bill to crack down on racketeering in installment credit purchasing by strictly limiting credit charges by requiring the terms of the contract to be clearly stated in print and by extending other protections to the purchaser was passed by the assembly.

The bill is the result of an interim committee study conducted, which disclosed that the various charges imposed by some installment credit contracts, amounted to as much as 360 per cent of the original purchase price.

The bill was approved by the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee, and, as of this writing, is awaiting action on the lower house floor.

AB 187, the supervisory veto pertaining to antlerless deer hunt, authorized by Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis, has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, of which she is a member, for consideration, because of additional duties for the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission relative to holding of hearings.

Assemblywoman Davis says, "I feel sure it will not encounter any difficulties in this committee and will soon be on the floor for debate."

Family Of Six Perish In Fire

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A family of six was killed early Saturday when a smoldering fire filled their small East Side Flint home with dense smoke.

Police said Richard Peich, 29, his wife, Audrey, 24, and their children, Diane 8; Carol 7, Richard 5 and James 3 suffocated in the dense smoke which filled their four-room, single-story frame home. None of the bodies were burned.

Firemen said the blaze apparently started from a cigarette in an overstuffed chair in the living room. They said the flames smoldered for a long time, filling the house with dense smoke. It also burned a hole in the floor beneath the chair. But damage to the house was relatively minor, firemen said.

The fire was discovered at 3:50 a.m. by neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pitts. They were awakened by the smell of smoke. The couple called the fire department and then made a futile attempt to awaken the Peich family.

Peich was a part-time mechanic at a local trucking firm. He got the job only a few weeks ago after recovering from a broken leg suffered a year ago.

Homesteaders Resume Trek To Alaska

CHICAGO (AP) — A band of homesteaders traveling in automobiles and trucks headed out of the Chicago area Saturday on the third day of their long trek to Alaska.

The 37 men, women and children rolled northwest on the Illinois toll road toward the Wisconsin state line after spending the night at a campground near suburban Hinsdale.

The little group of modern pioneers, all from Michigan, left Detroit Thursday morning on the 4,300-mile trek to the newest U. S. state. Bitter weather and road troubles beset the party from the start.

"We are two days out of Detroit, and we're already two days late," said Marino Sik, 32, a member of the party.

The former oil company employee is taking his wife and 8-month-old daughter to homestead land in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. He said he is hopeful the group will reach its destination in three or four weeks.

The 13 men, 10 women and 14 children are traveling in 14 vehicles, most of them pulling house trailers.

High winds, blurred by snow, and slick roads cut the caravan's speed to about 25 m.p.h. The poor visibility also led to the group making wrong turns off the complicated cloverleafs of express highways.

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Phantom Frank Lawrence Spreng, the fast-moving bandit with a long record of spectacular escapes, owes his life to fast moving deputy sheriffs who rescued him from accidental death.

The 23-year-old Akron, Ohio, gunman hit the front pages this week when he robbed a Hamilton, Ohio, bank and led state and federal officers on a desperate dash — by land and air — across his home state.

Then the toupee-wearing ex-convict disappeared.

Scout Leader

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Council at Nampa, Idaho, where he served as district scout executive for three and one-half years. Before his adult affiliation with Boy Scout work, Thorne went through the various phases of scouting to the Eagle rank. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

During his years of service here, Thorne played a dual role in the building of the Boy Scout Service Center, dedicated May 1, 1958, serving as scout executive and a member of the board of directors of the sponsoring Klamath Falls Lions Club.

Scout membership grew from 1,200 to 2,048, and from 42 scout units to 68 units during that time.

Thorne is present secretary of the Klamath Falls Lions Club, has served as a member of the board for two years; is a past president of the Interagency Council; a member of the Suburban Volunteer Fire Department; second vice president of the Oregon Volunteer Fireman's Association; a member of the LDS Church and a Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. Thorne (Lois) has also been active in LDS church groups. The couple has two children, Mark, 6½ and John, 2½. The family home has been at 5304 Alva Street.

Sen. Kennedy Steals Show In Absentia

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI)—The man who wasn't there, Sen. John Kennedy (D-Mass.), stole the show at the Midwest Democratic Conference in the maneuvering for a job he says he is not seeking—the presidency.

However, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), another of the 1960 front runners, will have an opportunity to take the spotlight when Kennedy in the conference banquet, where he delivered the main address.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, another 1960 presidential possibility who remained in the long shadow of Kennedy throughout most of the day, regained some attention Friday night when he proposed in a television appearance that Democrat Adlai Stevenson be named secretary of state if and when John Foster Dulles is forced to give up the job.

Williams, who campaigned for Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.), was greeted with a standing ovation at the start of a luncheon speech here Friday but he drew few cheers during or afterward.

In a headline-making news conference Friday, Kennedy's younger brother, Robert Kennedy, took the play from presidential possibilities Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), and Williams.

The Kennedy camp continued to gain momentum through the day. Although there wasn't an announced Kennedy supporter in the room, mimeographed statements by Kennedy on subjects ranging from cooperatives to the international wheat agreement appeared at the meeting, outnumbering those of any other prominent Democrat by at least five to one.

Police Enter Theft Drama; Curtain Falls

Two imaginative young men had everything planned for a bit of burglary Friday night.

Included were the script, the actors and even the stage props needed to enter Fleet's Bicycle and Sporting Goods Store at 222 South Seventh Street.

Not expected, however, was a police entrance at the close of Act III.

The curtain rose at 8:30 p.m. when the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleck, heard footsteps on the roof. They called police.

One officer went to the rear of the store, looked up, and found John Dwayne Hauser, 25, 1932½ Portland Street, dangling on a rope hung from the skylight. Hauser was swinging about 12 feet above the floor—unable, really, to go up or down.

Meanwhile, another police officer climbed a utility pole at the rear of the building and found John Milton Greif III, 19, Pine Hall, OITL, on the roof. Greif jumped to the ground and virtually into the arms of the law.

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Mrs. Bambini is the third city assessor during recent months. Fred Carlberg resigned in October of last year.

Kelly Creek PTA Play Successful

NEW PINE CREEK—The PTA produced by the Kelly Creek PTA recently was a success, both financially and theatrically. Approximately 150 people attended the play in the grange hall.

The cast of the play included Irvin Fair, Mrs. Freda Evans, Mrs. Juanita Robnett, Bud Madison, Donald Butler, Mrs. Dorothy Leehmann and Mrs. Shirley Thompson and Don Evans.

Mrs. Mary Padgett, Kelly Creek School principal, was promoter and she was assisted by Mrs. Doris Colahan. Joyce Robnett handled the make-up.

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PLAN POLARIS BASE

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Preparations have been completed to use Fort Canaveral, Fla., as a base for underwater missile test launches for America's first six nuclear-powered "Polaris" submarines.

Oregon Veterans STATE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

WORLD WAR II veterans must apply for the benefits and be in an approved course of training by JUNE 30, 1959. If they meet this deadline, they may continue to receive STATE BENEFITS until their entitlement expires or they complete their course, whichever occurs first.

There is no deadline for Korean veterans. For further information contact your County Service Officer.

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