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Hatfield Plan For Taxation Termed Dead

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposed 1 per cent gross income tax in Oregon is dead.

The House Taxation Committee worked on a new plan today to collect the needed additional revenue from people in the high income brackets.

The Hatfield plan died in a Democratic caucus which objected that it would be poor politics to adopt the gross tax. That tax would have made low income groups pay more tax.

The Democrats, who control both houses, also objected that the Hatfield plan would increase taxes on taxpayers with children and reduce them for single people.

The Hatfield plan, approved by the committee only last Monday, was pulled back into the committee Wednesday. The committee also found that the plan would not produce enough money.

The committee now is considering a rate schedule of 1 to 8 per cent on taxable income, to produce an extra 10 million dollars in the next biennium.

The committee's chairman, Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), said that the extra 10 millions would be collected from people earning more than \$10,000 a year.

But, he added, the federal government actually would be paying the extra amount, because people in those high brackets would be able to deduct their added state tax from their federal tax.

He said that in this latest plan the combined state and federal income taxes on any taxpayer would be virtually unchanged.

The committee, which had figured only 10 days ago on raising enough revenue for a 300-million-dollar budget, was dismayed at its late Wednesday night session when the Joint Ways and Means Committee said its appropriation bills would total 316 million.

The income tax bill will contain deductions for medical expenses and for contributions to religious, charitable and educational purposes. Other deductions will be dropped.

The \$600 personal exemptions will be unchanged.

The committee repaired the bill to tax cigarettes 3 cents a package and other tobacco 15 per cent. It had to be recalled from the House Wednesday because its title was defective.

It also voted to amend the bill to place a 1 1/2 per cent tax on business profits, and to repeal the personal property tax on inventories. The committee decided that the business tax should be effective with income earned this year.

Weather

Northern California — Fair with variable high cloudiness through Friday. Fog and low overcast on coast night and morning. Little change in temperature. Coastal winds variable 8-18 miles an hour.

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Variable clouds through Friday with a few scattered showers. Low tonight 37-44; high Friday 66-73. High yesterday 71. Low last night 31. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 4.36. Same period last year 14.35.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 54. Low last night 33. 8 a.m. today 40. No precipitation. Snow depth 60. Last year 162.

Roads are clear and bare, wind calm, skies slightly overcast was the morning report from Crater Lake National Park. Skiing is excellent during morning hours and gets a little slow in the afternoon, rangers said.

Brown Wins, C of C Loses Agency Fight

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown was the winner and the State Chamber of Commerce was the loser in a key test of an administration bill to create a new state agency to lure business to California.

The governor's measure to set up an economic development agency won a 2-1 vote of approval Wednesday in a subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee despite some strong objections from the chamber.

However, the committee pared the governor's request for \$350,000 to run the agency for the next nine months down to \$175,000.

Republican Sen. John F. McCarthy of San Rafael made the key motion to keep the governor's bill alive. Privately, some administration sources had predicted the measure might be killed by the subcommittee.

"Let's start the agency on a modest scale and see what happens two years from now," McCarthy said.

Sen. James A. Cobby (D-Merced), author of the governor's bill, said the proposed agency would help provide some of the 200,000 new jobs needed every year in the state by promoting new business.

The agency would collect information on such things as taxes, land values, water and power supplies, transportation availability and other data and provide "one stop" information service to any business or industry interested in locating in California.

The agency also would help existing business to expand, Cobby said. However, the agency would do no tourist promotion or national advertising or engage in loans to business concerns.

Representatives of the State Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill on grounds that it "would duplicate at the taxpayers' expense work already being done by the chamber and other trade groups."

Sen. Charles Brown (D-Shoshone) joined McCarthy in support of the bill while Sen. Nelson Dilworth (R-Hemet) voted against it. Other developments in the Legislature:

Cancer quacks — An Assembly committee sent to the lower house floor with a "do pass" recommendation a bill designed to curb cancer quacks and to create a cancer advisory council in the Department of Public Health. The bill is endorsed by the American Cancer Society and the department.

Cross-filing: Sen. Hugh Burns (D-Fresno), president pro tempore of the upper house, predicted the Senate would vote final passage of the governor's bill to abolish cross-filing by "the margin of a couple of votes." Burns has opposed the measure but conceded the administration has enough votes to win final passage.

Softball and baseball, to include players from a wide age-group, are planned. Babe Ruth and Little League play begins June 1, and bantams, pee-wees and midgets will work out starting June 15.

Men's and women's softball schedules are to be announced May 5. A clinic for baseball-playing youngsters will be held at Conger Field June 9 and 12 from 1:30 until 4 p.m. The Klamath Falls Kubs baseball team is slated to begin play June 6.

Supervised playgrounds at Klamath Falls, Fairview and Moore parks will open June 8 through 15 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Stukel, Roosevelt and Pelican playgrounds will open afternoons from June 15 until August 21. Parks will be supervised Mondays through Fridays.

Special features planned include a day camp to teach physical fitness and outdoor living to be held at Moore Park, a fiddlers' contest, a kids' band concert, a horseshoe tourney and a greased pig contest.

A fishing derby may be held at Veterans' Memorial Park August 22, and a pet parade July 25 at Conger Field. Flag swinging and baton twirling demonstrations are ideas Director Bonney is kicking around.

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Cons Freedom Bid Halted By Troops

CONCORD, Mass. (AP) — Five desperate inmates of the Concord Reformatory held 13 hostages for four hours Wednesday night until a wave of state troopers ended their bid for freedom with tear gas and acetylene torches.

One of the quintet, identified as kidnaper Charles (Bull) Martin, 36, held a smuggled gun to the head of a hostage while demanding "We want out."

Correction Commissioner George McGrath said Martin mistakenly "thought he could make it out of there through the front door with the revolver and hostages."

"This was an escape attempt, pure and simple," said Edward S. Grennan, superintendent of the reformatory, which once housed only youthful offenders but now is used for long-term adult prisoners.

Grennan said the leaders of the revolt called him twice by telephone from their temporary stronghold demanding to get out. Instead, Grennan called in State Police to storm the wing where the rebels were holding the hostages.

Grennan said that in addition to Martin the convicts who caused the wild disturbance were Thomas P. Carlino, 28, kidnaper; Charles

Woods, 31, burglar; James Parker, 33, robber; and Peter Makarawicz Jr., 20, who five years ago killed a 15-year-old girl in his town of Norwood.

Authorities said that about 50 other prisoners milled about free of their cells during the uprising but took no active part in it.

The five inmates held the hostages—13 guards and two civilians—for four hours before surrendering meekly, their eyes swollen by tear gas.

Their chances of getting out, from the start, were nil. Lt. Col. John C. Blake, executive officer of the state police, heading an assault force of 125 troopers, said when asked if negotiations were considered:

"I never negotiate with anyone; we were here to get them out and restore order."

The troopers swarmed in with military precision, many wearing campaign ribbons. They were steel helmeted, carried riot guns and wore bandoliers of cartridges and tear gas charges.

The issue never was in doubt. The troopers drove the malcontents from the first to third floor of a wing of the prison, like soldiers assaulting pill boxes. They opened steel doors with acetylene torches and finally pushed the rebels into an area from which there could be neither escape nor retreat.

Surrenders were accepted only after the prisoners stripped naked. Then they were marched to secure quarters. One trooper displayed a kitchen paring knife which he took from one of the recalcitrants.

A pistol, with which Martin subjugated the hostages and marched them to the segregation section, was not immediately found.

Guard Frederick Bobola, one of the hostages, said Martin held the gun against him and pulled the trigger. "It looked to me like the end, but the gun failed to go off," Bobola said.

The reformatory once was used for youthful offenders, but several years ago its use was turned over to hardened adult criminals, including murderers. It is 18 miles from Boston.

The revolt came during a recreation period between 4 and 5 p.m., while some of the prisoners were playing baseball.

It was then Martin, with his pistol, herded the hostages into a cell and locked the door. He threatened to kill all if an attempt were made to capture him. One hostage shouted out a window that a rescue attempt should not be made because a gun was at his back, and he would be killed.

Plane To Aid Cancer Drive

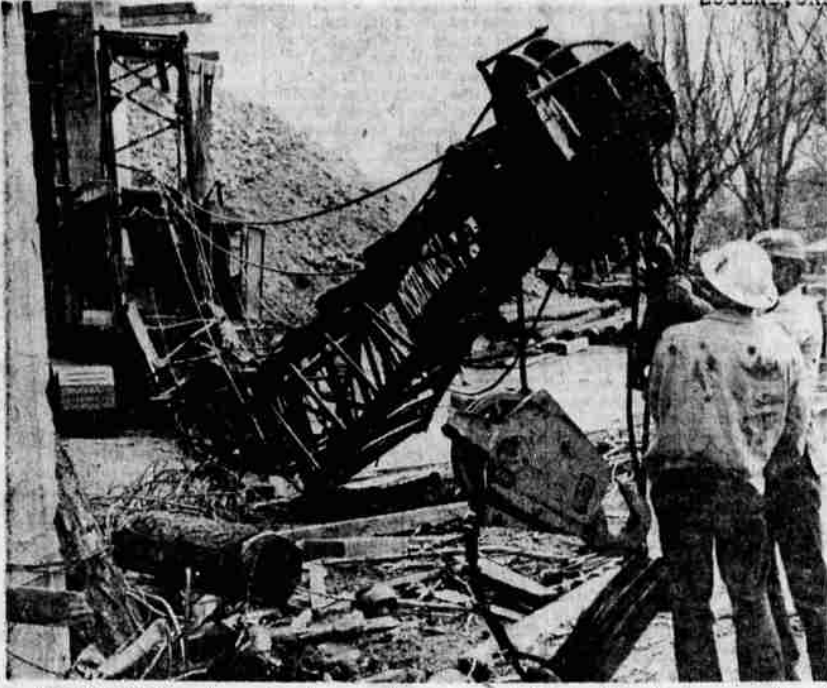
Dramatizing the current Cancer Crusade, a small plane will hover over Klamath Falls late this afternoon on its 15th day toward breaking the world endurance record of 64 days for single engine planes.

The Cessna, christened ACS Crusader, will have visited other Oregon communities during the day which are contributing to a multi-million dollar war chest for the 1959 fight against cancer.

Pilots Gene Tanner and Lew Becker, both of Seattle, will refuel the plane from the air in Klamath Falls about 5 p.m. today. They will receive supplies again over Klamath Falls for both the plane and themselves about 7 a.m. on Friday before continuing into California.

Approximately two hours before the craft, emblazoned with the American Cancer Society's symbolic sword of hope, arrives over Klamath Falls, a technical crew will fly in to supervise the refueling operations.

The ground-to-air supply lines has been given more than two weeks' trial in Seattle before the Cessna flew off to visit every state in the Union. The endurance flight is expected to end in New York.



A BROKEN NOSE and a ruptured gas tank were the only injuries this giant crane suffered after its spectacular half-mile race down a road and embankment of the new Westside Bypass construction project in Klamath Falls Tuesday afternoon.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

You'll remember, of course, the two young escapees from San Quentin who held a San Francisco woman at knife's point for six hours, threatening to kill her if officers moved in to capture them. Possessing high and deathless courage and quick wit, she talked them out of it and they surrendered.

One of them was sent to Folsom, California's maximum security prison. The other (who had been sent up for burglary) was ordered to the California medical facility at Vacaville for psychiatric examination. He complained bitterly.

"I'd like to know," he told newsmen, "the reason for sending me there—to a nut house. I'm not a nut. If you place a man where nuts run the yard, you don't know—I might end up a nut."

Hmmmmmmmmmmmm.

A lot of us would like to know his reason for becoming a burglar—when so many more richly rewarding callings were open to him.

From the Salem Statesman: "The Russians are learning that grants (of money) do not always win friends. After Nasser got mad at the Soviet Union over its interference in Iraq, the people of Yemen, a small sheikdom which is federated with the United Arab Republic, stoned a group of Soviet officers and technicians who arrived to implement a development program—which probably meant communist financial aid for Yemen's economy."

"Maybe we should just let the Russians burn THEIR fingers on foreign aid."

You know, there's really a thought there.

Leaving out the Marshall Plan—which was a relatively inexpensive device to put our friends and allies back on their feet after a long and cruel war in which a large share of their cities was destroyed—we haven't got much friendship out of the billions we have spent for foreign aid.

Maybe it might be better, as the Statesman suggests, to let the Russians take the grief for a while and listen to cries of COMMIES GO HOME!

From the Redding Record-Searchlight: "If Governor Pat Brown wants to save a little money to help balance the budget, he might ask the state department of mental hygiene to straighten out its mailing list."

"Its list includes the Record-Searchlight, and that's fine. But it also includes the Courier-Free Press, which was consolidated with the Record-Searchlight back in 1941, and the Shasta Courier, which merged with the R-S several years ago."

"That would be understandable, but the department mails TWO separate envelopes, each containing the same news release, to each of the three, so that SIX identical news releases arrive at the same time."

One of the reasons why governmental budgets keep on expanding and expanding is that, when once started, governmental enterprises and their accompanying appropriations NEVER DIE. They just go rolling on down through the years—like this mailing list that brings six copies of the same thing to the Record-Searchlight.

Somewhere was insisting to me the other day that remnants of the Spruce Division, which was formed back in World War I to find enough spruce to build airplanes out of, are still carrying on in Washington—salaries and all.

Interplanetary Travel Foreseen

LONDON (AP) — Soviet scientists say an interplanetary space ship may fly for years without encountering a meteoric particle bigger than a grain of sand.

The government newspaper Izvestia, quoted by Moscow radio, said the scientists concluded from reports radioed to earth by Sputnik III.



BILL CANTON

Bill Canton To Quit Post

County Engineer William R. Canton wants to retire.

That's what the busy, white-fringed veteran told the county court Wednesday. His letter was simple: he simply wanted to retire.

"I'm way past retirement age," was the way Bill put it to reporters.

Canton has been county engineer for eight years, but he's been in the engineering business for much longer. He admits he came to Klamath Falls 37 years ago as an engineer for the State Highway Commission.

"I occupied the first office in the courthouse," Canton recalled. "It was up where the district attorney is now. In fact, I moved in before they accepted the new building."

Canton worked for the state for three years (until 1925) when he went into a consulting engineering partnership. Later he conducted the business on his own, and he worked thus until he joined the county eight years ago.

Incidentally, Canton is a mining engineer by profession. Not a civil engineer.

He declined to say how many new miles he has added to the county road system, or how many improved miles, or how many bridges. But it's no dispute that he's one of the busiest individuals in and about the courthouse.

One of his latest achievements is the modernistic, \$132,000 county road shops building on Washburn Way.

What do Bill and his wife Ella plan to do when retirement comes May 15?

"Oh, do some traveling, see the kids," he commented.

The couple has three children, William C. Canton of Weisfield's Jewelers here in Klamath Falls; Edward Canton, a high school teacher in Illinois; and Donnellan, a married daughter in Michigan.

And they have seven grandchildren.

They should give substance to Bill's anticipation: "After we retire, we're just gonna try to have a good time."

Power Crane Nudges Pillar

A big power crane used on the Westside Bypass project in Klamath Falls broke its bonds and lumbered at high speed a half a mile down a road and crashed into a pillar of the half-built California Street crossing Tuesday afternoon.

Unmanned, it breezed through a yard and brushed a home owned by Bill Gorsch, at 646 California Avenue. Gorsch said it ripped out a sizeable tree, some telephone wires and 10 windows on his sun-porch.

Then it bruised its long nose against a bridge pillar and came to rest on the bypass right-of-way.

Its driver, Hiram Cox of Klamath Falls, escaped injury. He jumped when the chain that was helping the huge machine up a hill parted. The crane has no brakes.

The machine, owned by Tulana Farms of Worden, was rented by the Tom Lillibro Construction Company, in charge of bridge-building operations on the bypass.

It was being moved, under its own power assisted by "come-alongs," from the California Avenue overpass to the Nevada Avenue bridge site.

The runaway occurred shortly after noon. Traffic was light and Conger School students were in class.

Bump Colonel Loses Post

TOKYO (AP)—The bumping of seven GIs from a military plane so he could take his family on vacation to Hawaii cost Lt. Col. Charles Platt Jr. his command and a \$340 fine today.

The U.S. Air Force said that Platt, who had pleaded he was the victim of an administrative mixup in the March 26 incident, accepted the punishment meted out by his commanding officer without demanding a trial by court-martial.

The 49-year-old Brooklyn, N.Y., officer was commander of the big passenger terminal at Tachikawa air base west of Tokyo. He was reprimanded and assigned to new duties. The Air Force did not announce his new job.

Platt's punishment was ordered by Brig. Gen. Paul L. Barton of Rutland, Vt., commander of the Northern Air Material Command in the Pacific.

Platt was not available for comment.

The \$340 fine imposed on him was half a month's pay, the maximum permitted without a trial.

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Burns, U.S. military commander in Japan, became a hero in the eyes of enlisted men for intervening on behalf of the bumped GIs.

The seven enlisted men were hurrying on priority orders to sick or dying relatives in the United States when they were taken off a military plane. Platt, his wife and four children boarded it for a vacation flight to Hawaii.

Autopsy Lists Death Cause

An autopsy following the death April 21 in Hillside Hospital, of Richard Harley Peppers, 18-year-old Klamath Union High School senior, revealed that the youth had suffered a myocarditis, inflammation of heart muscles. The record of his previous health shows that he worked on Saturday and did not become ill until the morning of the day he died.

No information has as yet been correlated by local health authorities on the possible relation of his death to any previous illness.

One death with similar findings has been reported recently in Portland.

Results of an autopsy on Nancy Marie Stone, 12, who died the same day in Hillside, a few hours following the death of young Peppers, have not been determined.

Tests being made by the Oregon Public Health Laboratory, Portland, are not expected to be completed before Monday. The Portland laboratory technicians are attempting to isolate a specific virus before release of any information.

Richard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Peppers. Nancy was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Stone.

Students Wrong On News Study

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

A recent panel discussion by students of KUHS contained accusations regarding the type of publicity youngsters of the school age were receiving from the Herald and News.

Students in the panel voiced the expression that newspaper coverage was unfair, slanted, opinionated, blown-up out of proportion, misleading and poorly positioned.

A study of the facts prove that none of these accusations have any foundation in fact.

On the contrary, a complete study of the issues of the Herald and News for the month of February showed that what would be considered "bad" publicity of this age-group, in overall space, stories and pictures included, 1.186 inches of newspaper space was devoted to "good" items, and only 148 inches of space to unfavorable publicity.

In story space, there were 100 inches of unfavorable publicity, sources, and did not include any items carried on the sport pages or in the society sections.

If these sections had been added, the percentage, even in this worst month, would have been only a fraction of a per cent. However, it was felt it would be unfair to include either sports or society in the survey.

February was chosen as the month for the survey since it was the month when news of a teenage crime ring was breaking. It was felt that this would represent just about the worst possible month from the standpoint of "bad" publicity of this age-group.

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most of it confined to the large group of teen-age lads who were involved in a theft ring. There were only two "unfavorable" pictures run of this age group during the month. Both of those pictures were of items stolen by the group, and one was printed on page four, the other on page 1.

On the favorable side, the Herald and News carried 53 pictures. Of the 53 pictures, 19 were front page and 34 were pictures carried on other pages of the paper.

These pictures represented 737 column inches of news space as against 40 and one-half taken for the two unfavorable pictures.

There were 153 and one-half inches of news stories devoted to favorable publicity for the school age group, and in addition, 290 column inches of space devoted to such news as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, PTA groups,

4-H activities and other youth groups.

In picture space, the percentage was about 1 to 14, that is, about five and one-half per cent unfavorable as against 94 and one-half per cent favorable.

The change in juvenile policy of the Herald and News was made during this month after careful consideration of the facts.

These facts have been compiled not with the idea of disproving any individual charges, but rather with the idea of presenting all the true facts in the case, so that the public might be aware of what they were.

It has always been the policy of the Herald and News to boost a community. That includes boosting all of its segments regardless of age group.

In this case, the facts speak for themselves.

Jurisdiction Bill Aged By Senate

Senate Bill No. 163, which transfers the jurisdiction of Oregon Technical Institute from the Board of Education to the state Board of Higher Education, passed the Oregon Senate without a dissenting vote this morning.

Word of the action was given by telephone to the Herald and News by Klamath County's state senator, Harry D. Bolvin, about 10 a.m. today.

"As soon as the bill passes the House of Representatives," Bolvin said, "Oregon Tech will be placed on the same basis as colleges and universities in the state."

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Corporation Given Okay By Merchants

A Park and Shop Corporation was given the green light by members of the Klamath Merchants Association at a special Thursday morning meeting at the Chuck Wagon.

Rudy Jacobs was selected to head the group which would form a corporation for the purpose of organizing a park and shop arrangement to help alleviate the downtown parking problem.

The Merchants Association approved \$1,000 to underwrite formation of the group, with the understanding that the money would be repaid when the corporation was formed.

Formation of such a group was authorized in order that the merchants would have a legal entity to discuss parking problems with William Barr, national parking authority, when he comes to Klamath Falls May 19.

Kennedy urged all merchants and property owners in the business area to plan to attend the May 19 meeting with Barr at the Willard.

Emphasis on Centennial plans brought forth two moves on behalf of the merchants. They agreed to accept the idea advanced by Ben Swartz, county Centennial chairman, that special Centennial coins be approved for use locally instead of 50 cent pieces, from the time of their receipt until September.

A Hattan was appointed Centennial dress-up chairman. Plans call for merchants and their employees to be outfitted in Centennial dress and windows trimmed accordingly for the first week in June.

A bazaar promotion is being planned by the merchants for July 3. Noel Flynn was appointed chairman of this program. He indicated that the promotion would include bazaar booths on the sidewalks of Main Street on that day. Stores would be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., but would then be closed Saturday, July 4.

The Association also appropriated \$300 to the Klamath County Jaycees to assist in underwriting costs of July Fourth parade.

One other project came under the scrutiny of the merchants. They agreed to underwrite the sending of two KUHS students to the Oregon Retailers and Distributors Institute, a two-day session, May 3 and 4, in Eugene. Vern Owens was in charge of this project, an annual affair.



TREES CUT from green cardboard by beginning art class students of Klamath Union High School, studying under Lois Takach, will be spotted about the exhibit rooms during the all-city school art exhibition opening Friday and continuing through Saturday at KUHS. Theme of the exhibition this year is "Oregon Art Panorama." Left to right are Mike Lancaster, Jeanne Baird and Karen Alfstad.