

# Report Optimistic Except For Agriculture

SALEM (AP) — A special 25-member joint legislative committee today received an optimistic report on the future of all of Oregon's economy—except agriculture.

Charles Mack, chairman of the Oregon Tax Commission, told the legislators an expected upturn in the economic prospects of the state will bring more revenue.

Mack was particularly optimistic about the future of the various parts of the lumber industry, which he said now is in a period of recession.

Mack said that he could find no signs of an upturn in agriculture, but added he could see no signs it will get worse.

There has been a steady climb in farm production expenses, but prices of farm products did not rise proportionately, he said.

The per capita income of the farmer is likely to go up as fewer farmers will be receiving income, he said, adding this indicated a trend toward larger farms.

"This is the only major sector of the state's economy in which state income tax revenue is not expected to expand," he said.

Mack said the probable receipts from income taxes in the next biennium will be \$205 million, an increase of 8.8 per cent from the \$188.5 million of the present biennium.

Receipts from excise taxes probably will be \$45 million, compared to \$42.5 million now.

He said income tax revenue was expected to rise more rapidly than excise revenue because of the progressive structure of the personal income tax and because corporation profits were not expected to rise as fast.

Mack said this is because it (takes a business longer to realize gains from new investment and it takes longer for a business to make up for increased wages paid.

The activities of the federal government are as important, if not more important, than the collective decisions of major business in determining the economic future, Mack said.

He said federal housing, home loan and other programs probably will be accelerated under the Democratic administration of President-elect John F. Kennedy.

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SALEM (AP) — State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams recommended to the Highway Commission Monday that motor vehicles on Tolovana Beach, just south of Cannon Beach, be restricted to 15 miles an hour.

The commission delayed action until today, when it heard a delegation of Portland-area residents who want vehicles banned from the beach. These people own homes at the beach.

Williams said county and city officials, as well as permanent residents of the Cannon Beach area, oppose a ban on vehicles.

He also told the commission residents of other beach areas are waiting to see what the commission does in this case. But he advised the commission against applying a 15-mile limit to all beach areas.

"We should deal with each case on its merits. If we limit cars at this beach to 15 miles an hour, 10 or 12 arrests would be starting to the squirrelers who menace people on the beach," Williams said.

In other commission business, contracts for 20 construction projects were awarded. Bids on them were opened Friday.

SALEM (AP) — The state Scholarship Commission Saturday decided to recommend that 50 scholarships of \$500 each be made available next year to qualified students to attend any four-year non-profit college in Oregon.

The law now restricts the scholarships to state schools.

The proposal calls for 50 scholarships next year, and 100 the following year.

Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposed budget calls for \$75,000 for scholarships for the coming two years.

PORTLAND (AP) — Patricia Lane, 8, backed too close to an electric oven at her home Sunday, and her clothing caught fire.

She was taken to Portland Sanitarium with second and third degree burns on her back. Her condition was satisfactory.

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of the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park on the march.

He said the lumber industry has undergone marked change, with a concentration of the industry in the hands of bigger firms.

"At the risk of sounding anti-small business," Mack said, "I think this will be favorable in the long run."

He said large companies are better able to control the market. He said many small firms are not able to resist market pressures, which he said accounted for much of the present slow-down.

Mack said employment in logging and in mills is down about one-third, but he added that some of this labor has been absorbed into other segments of the industry.

He described the current recession in lumber and plywood mills as equally as bad as previous post-World War II recessions and added that some say it is as bad as in the 1930s.

"The trouble today is because of price," Mack said. "Neither industry has been able to adjust production fast enough to keep pace with the market."

Gets Kitchens  
GOLD BEACH (AP) — The Curry County Civil Defense Agency has acquired two surplus field kitchens.

Larry Parker, assistant director, said the kitchens are for emergency feeding, and can be used to feed 100 men each.

The agency is trying to get a 200-bed surplus field hospital, which would be stored in Brookings.

Record Receipts  
GOLD BEACH (AP) — Curry County will receive a record \$635,757 from Forest Service receipts this year.

The amount represents 25 per cent of the receipts from sales of national forest timber in the county. Of the total received, 75 per cent is earmarked for roads and 25 per cent for schools.

Shooting Checked  
CULVER, Ore. (AP) — Investigation continued here today in the death of a migrant laborer who was shot and fatally wounded in a Culver bar.

The victim was Larry Livermore, 37, who lived at the Culver Labor Camp.

Police said that Livermore ordered a beer in a tavern and was unable to pay for it. An argument broke out when he attempted to pawn his watch. He was shot twice in the abdomen and staggered outside where he collapsed. He died several hours later in a Bend hospital.

Group Threatens Court In Opposing Oil Drilling  
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FAIRVIEW, Utah (AP)—Celestia Peterson observed the 32nd anniversary of her wedding Sunday alone. Her husband, Peter, died Oct. 27, a month after his 100th birthday.

For many years they were regarded as the nation's longest married couple. Mrs. Peterson will be 100 Dec. 28.

She spent the day quietly. Some relatives dropped in as they always do on Sunday.

AGAINST COLONIALISM  
PARIS (AP)—The general conference of the U. N. Educational, Cultural and Scientific organization adopted a resolution Monday saying colonialism "in all its forms and manifestations" should be rapidly suppressed. The resolution was a modified version of one originally presented by the Soviet delegation.

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FALCON HEIGHTS SCHOOL pioneers poured out of their buses Friday afternoon for the first classes in a Klamath County School District plant so new men still are at work on it. Thus ended split-shifting at Stearns School — an emergency measure made necessary this fall by a big increase in student population in the South Suburban and Falcon Heights areas. The school has 12 classrooms and someday will have 16. It has a multipurpose room and other facilities. It will be dedicated sometime in February. In the foreground is Principal Erwin Brower.

## Racer Crashes Crowd, Killing 16

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — Men, women and children crowded the curbs of the traffic circle in suburban San Justo.

Good-naturedly they jostled one another for a better vantage point to watch the racing cars whizzing by in the final lap of the Argentine Grand Prix.

They were in a holiday mood—it was Sunday and this was the windup of the 2,872.5-mile endurance race which is one of the major sporting events in Argentina.

Before the day was over, 16 of them were dead and at least 30 others injured.

They waved and cheered—and pushed onto the roadway—as the drivers wrestled their racers around the circle and straightened out for the dash to the finish line 6 miles away.

Then Juan Carlos Navone, at the wheel of a stock car named "Lucky Seven," roared into the circle. There were cheers for him too — but they dissolved into shrieks of pain when the racer failed to make the curve. It slammed into the crowd.

Thirteen persons were killed and 20 critically injured. It was the worst single accident in the 38 years of the running of the Grand Prix.

When Navone's car finally halted, leaving a path of crumpled bodies in its wake, his assistant driver jumped out. But he jumped back in when Navone dazedly backed the car over some of the injured and dead and headed for the finish line.

As Navone sped off, with blood

and bits of flesh and clothing plastered to the car, there were angry shouts of "criminal, murderer, stop." The crowd then vented its anger on following racers, hurling stones as they came around the circle.

Two policemen blamed "public imprudence" for the tragedy, because the spectators had edged onto the road. One said the crowd stood its ground as the car bore steadily down.

Even while private cars were taking the injured to hospitals in the city, tragedy struck again about 1,500 yards from the circle. Two youths on a motorcycle were killed when their vehicle was struck by a racer driven by Plinio Rosetto.

At least 10 persons were injured as a result of the automobile collision.

## Man Tired Of Waiting; Smashes Court Windows

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Hernando Pineros Garcia was plain tired of taking his hat in hand and softly asking officials about going back home to Colombia.

He was broke. And in his job as a laborer the Colombian immigrant saw little hope of ever saving the money he needed to return home.

"I been here six years," said the 32-year-old Hernando Pineros Garcia. "I live like a dirty rat in a garbage can. I want to go back to Colombia but nobody listens."

"I go to the Bureau of Public Assistance—nothing. I go to the police department—nothing. I go to the Immigration Service—still nothing."

So Hernando Pineros Garcia decided to take matters in his own hands.

On Saturday he walked to Los Angeles' new courthouse, picked

up a large sand-filled cigarette stand and smashed it through a large 8-by-19 foot window. The stand bounced back. For good measure Garcia hoisted it and slammed it through a second 8-by-10 window.

The windows were valued at \$1,000.

Two sheriff's deputies quickly took Garcia in custody on charges of malicious mischief and disturbing the peace.

Hernando Pineros Garcia surrendered meekly, with a little smile playing at his lips.

"They tell me without money I can not go home. Then the immigration department says they can not help me leave the country unless I break the law."

"I plead but nobody listens," said Hernando Pineros Garcia as he was led off to jail. "I now use brute force. Maybe now a judge will listen."

"I want to go home."

Palace Guard Wins New Space  
LONDON (AP) — Buckingham Palace guardsmen have won a new 35-yard-long strip of pavement for stomping out their sentry duty inside the palace gates. It's level, and a boost to morale.

The stiff-backed guardsmen, moved inside the gates 14 months ago to protect them from pestering tourists, had stomped to pieces the old gravel and stone footpath between their boxes.

The footing got so uneven all their training was useless. They were slipping and sliding instead of wheeling and dealing.

The palace called for the new pavement after the guardsmen, in mild rebellion, dragged out an old British axiom: "It ain't the 'eavy 'auling that 'urts the 'orses' oofs, it's the 'ammer, 'ammer, 'ammer on the 'ard 'ighway."

WINS RENT REDUCTION  
D E R B Y, England (UPI) — Barry Bowler won a rent reduction after telling the town valuation panel that persons waiting at a bus stop outside his house use his doorway as a shelter.

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