

Plan To Increase University Fees On Pay Later Basis Is Announced

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—A plan to increase student fees at the University of California and put the entire fee on a "study now, pay later" basis was announced Wednesday by Sen. Stanford C. Shaw, D-Ontario.

The proposal would increase fees for California resident students by \$80 a year from the present \$120 to \$200. Students from outside California, who now pay \$620 a year, would be increased by \$100.

Shaw said that under his plan a student would be permitted to owe his entire tuition fee to the university interest free during the school year.

If it is not repaid the following September, after the summer vacation, interest of 4 per cent would be charged.

Shaw said the present \$120 fee charged university students amounts to only 8 per cent of the total cost of their instruction. In other public universities throughout the nation, he said, the students pay between 15 and 18 per cent.

Students may now borrow money to pay their tuition and expenses from private endowments at the university campuses, but the tuition is required to be paid at the start of each semester.

"If a student is serious about his education, he should feel obligated to pay at least one-fifth of what it costs," Shaw said.

"This is what they are doing now all over the country in private universities through dean of men's loan funds."

Shaw said he was limiting his measure only to the seven university of California campuses and not the 15 state colleges because the "cost is much higher" at the university.

He said the university is "more

selective" in enrolling students and these students will be "better able to pay."

Gov. Edmund G. Brown has budgeted \$132 million for support of the university next year.

Other developments in the legislature:

Secrecy: An Assembly committee refused to approve a bill strengthening the provisions of the antisecrecy in government law which applies to public agencies. If successfully rewritten, the bill by Frank Luckel, R-San Diego, will get another hearing before the Governmental Efficiency Committee Feb. 28.

Water: The chairman of a Senate fact-finding committee, following two days of hearings, asked the governor and legislature to take a "good look" at water pricing policies in the state water program. Sen. Stephen P. Teale, D-Westpoint, said agricultural users may be priced out of the program.

Caucuses: The Republican minority in the Assembly announced its opposition to a bill introduced by Democrat Jesse M. Unruh, Los Angeles, to require absentee votes to be in the hands of county clerks five days before an election. GOP members also accused Governor Brown of being slow to take action against so-called "per centers, dealers in second deeds of trust. Democratic assemblymen at their caucus endorsed Brown's \$2.6 billion budget.

Gasoline: An Assembly committee approved a bill prohibiting false advertising of octane ratings on gasoline pumps.

Historical Society Taken On Imaginary River Trip

YREKA — An imaginary pack trip down the Salmon River in the early days was the highlight of a talk by James D. McNeill at Saturday's meeting of the Siskiyou County Historical Society.

McNeill, grandson of James Abrams, who with others discovered gold on the South Fork of the Salmon in 1849, took the audience on a fascinating trip to the old mining settlements between Cecilville and Forks of Salmon.

Starting from the old town of South Fork, the speaker traveled verbally down the Salmon River past Shadowns Creek, Yocumville, past the old mines at Stare-out Bar, Graham Gulch, the Nigger Hill and Red Hill mines to

the Forks of Salmon, the end of the trip.

The old hotel, store and post office at the Forks of Salmon were operated by Bill Bennett from the 1860s to the 1930s, and thereafter by the Bennett Company. Graham Gulch was the richest and smallest tributary to the South Fork of the Salmon, \$30,000 was taken out in gold from one pocket.

Following the program, President Wayne Ralston conducted the business session. Among the reports given was the announcement by Mrs. Freida Broderick and Mrs. Helen Sherman, co-editors of the society's publication, that plans are progressing on the next issue of the "Siskiyou Pioneer" which will feature the Big Springs area as well as biographical sketches of the late Judge and Mrs. James M. Allen.

The society has the third highest membership in the state, with a total of 989 members, as reported by Mrs. Hazel Ricer. Mrs. Helen Foulke reported a total of 730 biography forms and 532 member record forms have been completed at the end of 1960.

The meeting was concluded with a social hour, refreshments being served by Mrs. Ella Soule, Mrs. Waldo Smith and Mrs. Helen Foulke. The next meeting of the society will be March 11.

It is the female boll weevil that ravages cotton fields, the male being comparatively harmless.

Regnani Rites Are Conducted

MOUNT SHASTA—Rosary was recited Wednesday in Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel for Major C. Regnani, who died at his home Jan. 13. Final services were held at the same place Thursday. The Rev. Michael Myles officiated.

The deceased was born in Minnesota June 29, 1917. He has lived all of his adult life in Northern California.

Survivors include the widow, Nita; four sisters, and four brothers; sisters, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Adele Newman, Mrs. Teresa Franconi, and Genevieve Regnani, all of Mount Shasta; brothers, Louis, Santa Clara, and Sam, Dan and Paul of Mount Shasta.

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33 Face Felony Hearing Soon

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Solon Requests 'Good Look' At Water Pricing

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The chairman of a Senate fact-finding committee on water urged the governor and legislature today to "take a good look" at state water pricing problems.

Sen. Stephen P. Teale, D-Westpoint, chairman of the northern-dominated committee which concluded two days of hearings Tuesday into the state water program, said he believed the testimony showed that agricultural users "may be priced out of the market" in the \$1.75 billion state water program.

The committee composed of 10 northern senators and 3 southerners reviewed a contract signed by the state and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Teale emphasized that the MWD contract sets basic water-pricing policy for the entire state system.

"My opinion is that the state system should provide benefits to both rural and urban areas," Teale said in a press release.

"The metropolitan areas may be able to pay a high price for municipal uses but agricultural areas may be priced out of the market and excluded from the benefits of this state undertaking."

Teale said his committee had planned no further hearings immediately but may hold another session later. He said northern members of the committee would meet soon to draft legislation to provide what he said was more protection for agricultural users.

Witnesses at Tuesday's hearings included representatives of three San Joaquin water districts. All recommended modifications in the state-MWD contract.

Artist Group Slates Meeting

YREKA — The Siskiyou Artists Association will hold its first meeting of the new year at the Yreka Inn Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.

The program will consist of films shown by Mrs. Estelle Fisher, water colorist; on brush techniques and water color in action.

Each member is requested to sponsor a new member for 1961, and all are reminded to attend Sunday's meeting, and to bring a friend.

Members are asked to bring some of their latest art work.

Two Are Booked On Speed Count

YREKA — Ronnie L. Brower, 21, and Jerry K. Spannaus, 21, both of Yreka, were booked into the Siskiyou County Jail following their arrest by Yreka city police recently.

They were charged with conducting a speed contest on Main Street and reckless driving. They hit speeds up to 115 miles per hour before being stopped near Hawkinsville, officers said.

Also arrested on charges of aiding and abetting the offense were Winfred Hodgen, 20, Ashland, and Thomas Kennedy, Yreka, who were passengers in the cars.

Committee Fails In Try To Tighten State Government Anti-Secrecy Law

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—An Assembly committee has failed to approve a bill to tighten up the antisecrecy in government law.

The Committee on Governmental Efficiency decided Tuesday to postpone action for two weeks on a proposal by Assemblyman Frank Luckel, R-San Diego. During that time, members of the committee will attempt to rewrite the bill to meet objections raised by the League of California Cities.

Backed by the California Newspaper Publishers Association, the Luckel measure would make it a misdemeanor for local agencies such as city councils or boards of supervisors to violate the Ralph M. Brown secrecy in government law.

It also would outlaw meetings by local agencies "even if held for the purpose of discussion."

John B. Long, manager of the CNPA, supported Luckel's bill by saying:

"The (misdemeanor) penalty provision is necessary to close loopholes in the existing law. Taxpayers are entitled to know what is going on in government and the best way for them to find out is through newspapers."

Richard Carpenter of the League of California Cities was the only witness against the bill.

"This bill is an unwarranted extension of the Brown act," he said. "It is unnecessary because 99 per cent of city officials are abiding by the Brown act today and did so before it was enacted."

SERVICE TOO GOOD

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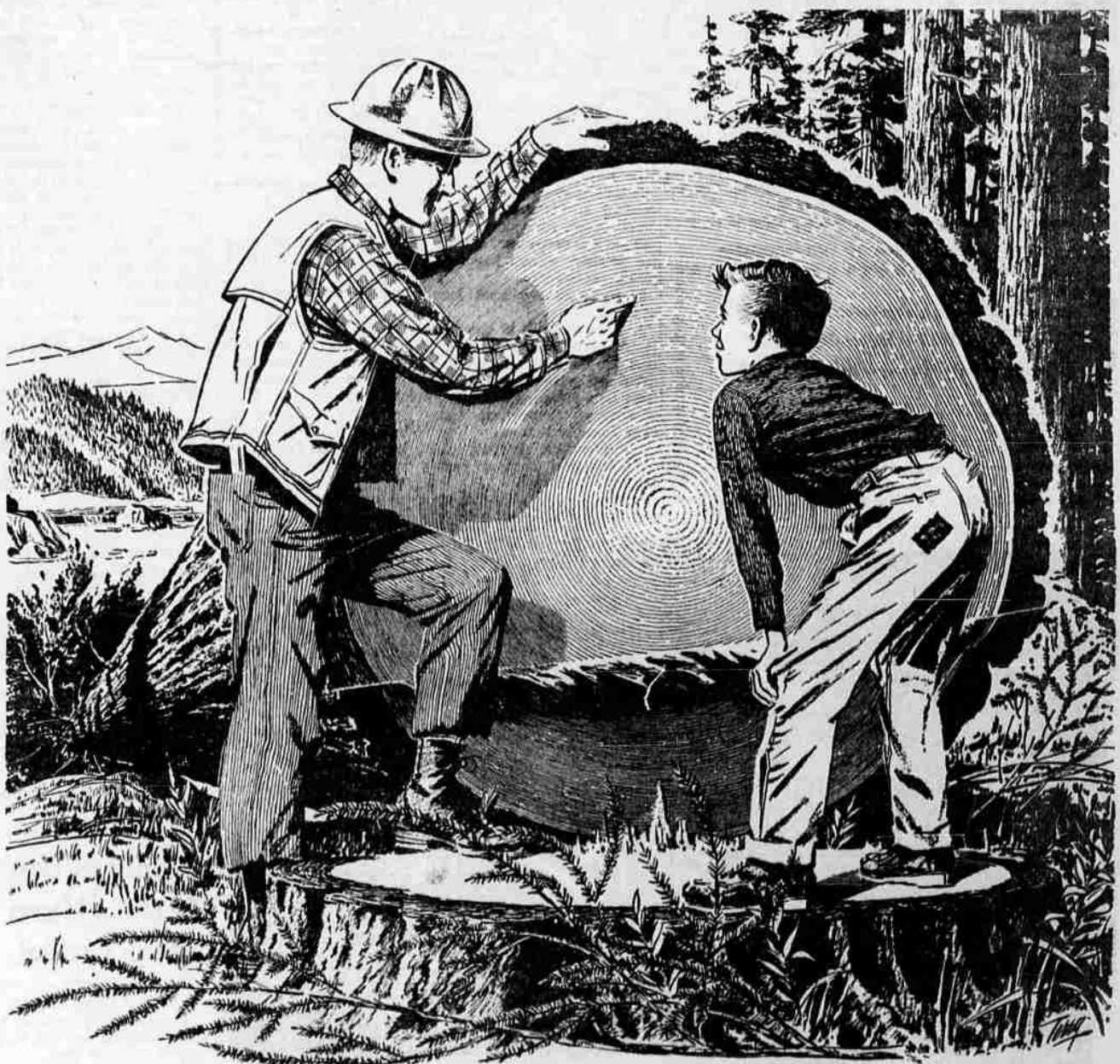
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