

Increased State School Aid Asked

SALEM (AP)—Two proposals, both of which provide for a gradual increase in the state's share of school operating costs, were aired Tuesday before the Senate Education Committee.

One, the Legislative Interim Committee proposal, would provide a minimum amount as a foundation program and then parcel out the rest on the basis of income within the various counties.

The other would distribute the state money based on the number of school children in the county. Each would cover a period of years bring the state contribution of school operating costs to about 50 per cent.

The flat per school child distribution has the support of the Portland School Board and much of Eastern Oregon. These areas feel the present system hurts them.

Klamath Civic Play Group Selecting New Presentation

The Klamath Civic Theater play board is moving quickly to select another three-act play for public presentation in view of the last and most successful of the organization's three offerings since it was formed last summer.

Theater members state they have heard many encouraging comments from the large audiences Friday and Saturday that are spurring them to continued effort. They already have chosen another director—Don Tremblay.

The group's directors say they are shooting for something more serious than the previous full-length plays.

All three have so far been light. The first and third, "The Seven Year Itch" and "The Tender Trap," were comedies and the second, "The Mouse Trap," was a mystery-comedy.

Pro Union Bill Passed

ANNAPOLIS (AP)—A bill designed to keep professional strike-breakers out of the state was approved unanimously Tuesday and sent to the governor by the Maryland Senate.

If Gov. J. Millard Tawes signs it, Maryland will regard it as a crime to recruit anyone "who customarily and repeatedly offers himself for employment in place of employees involved in a strike."

A fine of between \$100 and \$1,000 and up to three years imprisonment would be the punishment for both recruiter and strike-breaker. The legislature amended the original bill to remove any penalty on employers.

A sponsor, Del. Hervey, told the House of Delegates last week "the bill is primarily for protection of the Newspaper Guild and largely the result of the newspaper strike in Portland, Ore."

Students Want Pinball Games

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—Assistant district attorney Mayo Galindo hopes to get some pinball machines for students at Jefferson High School here.

But, he hastened to add, the marble tables—seized by the sheriff's department last September—would not be used for play.

Galindo asked permission of a district court Tuesday to destroy the gambling devices and turn over electrical equipment in them to Jefferson's science department.

Much of the so-called equalization money, that above the foundation amount, would be based on the county assessor's statement of true cash value of property in the county.

Rep. Carol Howe, R-Klamath Falls, said in Curry County true cash value fluctuated as much as 100 per cent. He also cited reports that reappraisal of taxable property had not been completed in more than 21 counties. In many of these, he added, reappraisal was not kept up to date.

"The entire basis for equalization hangs on the assessor," Howe said.

"Don't have your county reassessed," Howe said, "if you don't want to up school costs." He said reappraisal had turned up higher values in most counties, cutting state aid.

The interim committee proposal was defended by Sen. John Housell, R-Hood River. He said reappraisal has been a great improvement over what the state had, but the legislature must keep the pressure on to see that the job gets done.

Housell said while the interim bill does not go far enough it sets up a formula to take into account such sources of county revenue as O&C timber lands, federal forest money and other income sources.

Teachers in the north end of Lake County met with County School Superintendent Anne Sprague and Supervisor Evelyn Barker at Paisley School Thursday afternoon, March 9, to initiate plans for the fourth annual Rural School Music Festival and Play Day.

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YELL LEADERS for the Bonanza Antlers B team, who were first in the county, left to right, are Virginia Harris, Marla Burnett and Nondica McFall. — Photo by Farebee

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Russian Space Work Impresses Japanese; U.S. Standard Envied

TOKYO (AP)—Soviet space accomplishments place the Russians first scientifically in the minds of many Japanese. But the United States is given the edge when it comes to standard of living—for the time being at least.

While Socialist leaders and labor organizations denounce "U.S. imperialism" and "American war-mongering," few individual Japanese can be heard privately running down America or Americans.

For example, none of the persons questioned in a series of random interviews felt the United States is more interested in preparations for war than in a search for peace.

"There are many problems to be overcome within America to attain world peace," said Goro Saeki, 40, a writer for a big Tokyo newspaper, "but it seems to me the United States is ultimately seeking peace."

What is the first thing that comes to the mind of a Japanese when the United States is mentioned?

"The cold war," said the newspaperman.

"Abraham Lincoln," said Masao Nakamura, 24, a factory worker. "President Kennedy," said Mari Sawada, 17, a high school student.

"Its richness," said Truck driver Tsuyoshi Nakano, 27.

"I think of America as the leader of the Western Allies," said Tadamu Kameda, 46, a physician.

Hisayo Miki, 26, a serious-looking office worker, stopped on a busy Tokyo street and summed up her feeling about America in this way:

"I am most interested in the rational way of life in American families. I am most impressed by the frank and open human relations among peoples in America. And at the same time, life in the United States is too mechanized."

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