FAMILY AFFAIR — Three members of the Edward Jolly family of 1125 Prescott will display their talents at the Klamath Community Music Festival at Mills Auditorium May 14. They are twins Janet and Joyce and their mother, Margaret. Janet plays the viola and Joyce and her mother are cello players in the Klamath Community Orchestra, which is under the direction of Normand Poulshock. The Music Festival is being sponsored by a number of Klamath Falls civic organizations for the benefit of a proposed Klamath Community Symphony. Tickets are on sale within the organizations and at Klamath Falls music stores. Soloists will include Art Compton, classical guitar; Barbara Shields, piano, and Barbara Poulshock, vocal, in addition to concert program by the orchestra.

Estimate Shows $44 Million Welfare Budget To Cost All Oregonians $22

SALEM (UPI)—It's a long way from the poor farm of past decades to the socially conscious welfare programs of today—both in terms of service and money.

The one-year $44 million budget approved last week by the State Welfare Commission represents a yearly expenditure of more than $22 for every man, woman and child in Oregon.

The $44 million includes $21 million in federal funds, $16.1 million in state money, and county expenditures of $6.9 million.

Biggest single item is $14 million for the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program. An additional $1 million is budgeted for ADC medical payments.

The ADC program is the most famous, and most controversial of the welfare services.

The ADC caseload has exploded 183 per cent in the past 10 years, and more than 31,000 people are expected to receive it this year.

It is available to any child under the age of 16—or 18, if in regular attendance at school — who has been deprived of parental support "by reason of the death, continued absence, incapacity or unemployment of a parent."

Critics claim ADC encourages illegitimacy.

Supporters admit there are some abuses, but argue that by keeping families together the program helps people who want to help themselves, and eliminates the need for other types of aid.

Other major programs for 1963-1964 include $8.9 million for old age assistance, $6.3 million for old age, medical care, $3.8 million for aid to dependents, $3.5 million for general assistance, $1.8 million for foster care, $1.5 million for medical aid to dependents, and $1.5 million for medical aid to the aged.

In the commission's summary of special services for children during March, a net gain of 110 cases was noted.

On March 1, 6,438 children were under care. On the last day of the month, 6,548 were receiving aid.

Of this number, 3,148 — 48 per cent—were living with their parents or other relatives. Another five per cent were living in institutions or elsewhere.

Children reported living in foster or adoptive homes totaled 3,087.

In an effort to get people off the ADC rolls—permanently—the commission has authorized payment of tuition for vocational training of adults.

The idea is to help recipients learn skills so they can get jobs and support their families.

New Law Hits Employers For Poor Safety Record

SALEM (UPI)—Employers with poor safety records will pay a new penalty under an "experience rating" amendment to the state workmen's compensation law rushed through the House and signed by the governor Wednesday.

The bill, just introduced in the Senate seven days earlier, was sped to the governor's desk because rates for the next year must be mailed out May 1.

The bill passed the House 44-15 despite considerable confusion and heated protests over the "last minute" action.

The present law sets a base rate for employers to pay for industrial accident insurance, but grants deductions for employers.

The new law not only will let employers with good records pay less, but will require employers with bad safety records to pay more than the base rate.

Rep. Robert Packwood, R-Portland, blamed the rush action on the so-called "three - way" bill, which would overhaul the entire workmen's compensation law. This measure, SB370, which includes an experience rating feature, has passed the Senate but is so controversial it probably could not reach the House floor.

Speakers said it was decided to go ahead with the separate experience rating feature so that it could take effect this year.

Effect of the experience rating bill will be to lower rates slightly for about 1,700 employers at the safe end of the scale and raise rates for about 1,800 employers at the risk end of the scale, Packwood said.

The reductions would be partially offset by a general rate increase being put through by the Industrial Accident Commission.

Confusion centered on just what the bill would do to specific categories of employers. Rep. Ross Morgan, D-Gresham, said it might have a severe effect on some small employers.

Road Name Supported

ALTURAS—At the April meeting of the Modoc County Chamber of Commerce it was voted to adopt a resolution favoring the action of the Okanogan Cariboo Trail Association to have an international highway designated as "The Pan American Highway."

Plans for a highway so named include No. 139 from Klamath Falls to Canby, No. 299 from Canby to Alturas, and No. 395 from Alturas to Reno.

The Trinity County recreational area and the proposed federal withdrawals of land for development by the U.S. were also discussed. It was noted that a withdrawal at this time would reduce the tax base in Trinity County by nearly five per cent, and that such action by the federal government without approval of the Trinity Board of Supervisors is being violently opposed by that board.

The Modoc Chamber voted to support the Trinity complaint and to notify its representatives of its action.

Ken McLeod Ill

Kenneth McLeod, well - known Klamath County historian, is in Hillside Hospital for treatment. His condition was reported to be fair before presstime Thursday by the hospital.

Visitors are allowed.

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Chamber Endorses Tax Reduction Proposals

Proposed state legislation which would reduce personal property tax for businesses and the owners of livestock by some 25 per cent was endorsed by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting Wednesday.

The legislation is in the form of House Bill 1033 which, if passed by the senate, would abrogate the present inventory tax and establish a one per cent business tax that would affect all businesses, in addition to professional people. Professionals are not now affected by the inventory tax.

The chamber's Local and State Affairs Committee declined to make a recommendation on the bill which has been approved by the House of Representatives in the State Legislature, but Jim Kerns, a member of the committee, discussed the measure with the chamber and asked that they urge the senate to approve it.

On other matters of legislation, the chamber approved two recommendations by Floyd Wynne, director of the Local and State Affairs Committee, including, one, that it urge Gov. Mark Hatfield to sign House Bill 1551 which would restore to the counties the power of veto over the acquisition of lands by the Department of the Interior, and two, that it oppose Senate Joint Resolution 27 which calls for setting aside $50,000 to finance the setting up of an interim committee to study tourism programs and facilities throughout the state.

Wynne argued that allocating the money to conduct the study "amounted to misappropriation of funds."

"There are other ways to acquire the information, such as contacting the various chambers of commerce throughout the state," he explained.

On the bill affecting counties and the Department of Interior, Wynne stated that "counties should have some authority to determine what lands are to be taken off the tax rolls and placed into the 'government lockup.'

"About 5,000 acres in Klamath County would be affected immediately if the bill was passed," he concluded.

In his comments on the Inventory Tax Bill, Kerns said that he opposed in any guise inventory taxes which affected businesses or professional people; however, he urged that the chamber support the bill because it represented "a step in the right direction."

Enlarging his argument against inventory taxes, Kerns stated that such taxes are "discriminatory and debilitate business." As an example, he remarked that Wisconsin eliminated such laws sometime ago and as a result business in that state made "a significant spurt."

Later, Noel Flynn, manager of the Payless Drug Store, expressed the view that the inventory tax is "hurting business in Oregon."

"At the end of each year, when inventory taxes become due, wholesalers and retailers reduce their stocks so they will have a small taxable inventory. Such a procedure is injurious to business in the Klamath Basin as well as elsewhere in the state," Flynn said.

Kerns remarked later that several years ago the state legislature introduced a bill to abolish the tax but it was disapproved when no other source of funds could be found to make up the revenues which would have been lost if the bill had passed.

Later, the chamber and the residents of the Klamath Basin were recipients of praise from Jim Stilwell, director of the drive to raise funds for the construction of the proposed Intercommunity Hospital.

Stilwell lauded the chamber and others who helped contribute more than $1 million in the drive, "thereby accomplishing a task that no one thought possible," he said.

"Success of the fund drive has brought inquiries from industry as far off as Illinois and has also resulted in "people banding together throughout the county," Stilwell pointed out.

"I think the presence of a new hospital here will change the whole economy of the Klamath Basin. The Klamath Basin is on the way back," he said.

In order to bring about those changes for the better, residents of the Basin must begin to "talk up" the area, tell others about its accomplishments, and discuss the advantages of living here, Stilwell explained.

"This is still the best place in the world to live, but all of us have to start telling people about it," he said.

Another matter which could add to the advantages of living in the Klamath Basin was discussed by Jim Bocchi, Director of the Aviation Committee.

Bocchi reported that a petition had been filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board requesting that a commercial airline flight be established linking Klamath Falls with Reno. Bocchi stated to the chamber at previous meetings this year that CAB had disapproved similar proposals in other years, but this time the prospect of receiving its approval is good, he said.

On another subject, Bocchi disclosed that more than $98,000 in construction work was being carried out currently at Kingsley Field.

Manager George Callison of the chamber announced that proofs of the revised four-color folder on Klamath County had been received and the brochure would be available to the public in about two or three weeks.

Callison then concluded the meeting with the announcement that the local chamber has been established as one of the various tourist information centers so designated throughoutt he state.

Idle Workers Get New Jobs

PORTLAND (UPI) — Georgia-Pacific Corp. said Saturday that many workers idled by recently-announced sawmill cutbacks at Springfield, Toledo and Coos Bay had obtained new jobs.

The firm said that in the Springfield area, 70 of 89 men to be affected had been offered other jobs. In Toledo, all but one of 20 men who will be released from the gang sawmill have been absorbed in the firm's plywood mill. At Coos Bay, the firm said, 50 of 100 men to be released have been offered new positions.

Paper Sold

MORO, Ore. (UPI) — The Sherman County Journal, a weekly newspaper here, has been sold by Giles French to Daniel Bartlett.

French, a former state representative, was owner and publisher of the paper since 1931. Bartlett is the former owner and publisher of the weekly Hermiston Herald. He sold it several years ago.

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