

Howe Forecasts Cut In Basic School Fund

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budget back to fit within the revenue available. The legislature can't take the time to review every budget of all departments and review all programs as we did during the regular session, so we're going to have to leave it up to the governor to do some selective cutting."

He predicted that the special session would last about a week or 10 days. "If it goes beyond that," he said, "it may go a long time."

He flatly opposed the passage of the one-shot withholding measure, terming it "merely procrastination. It doesn't solve anything."

Filerait indicated that Rep. Joe Rodgers may try to introduce a sales tax which would provide that it be referred to the people for a vote, and if approved, the portion collected in this biennium would replace any cuts in basic school support.

"I don't know the prospects for this bill," Filerait said, adding, "as far as I'm concerned, if it is a well-written measure, I would certainly not be reluctant to refer it to the people for their decision."

He also felt that the cutting of legislators' salaries was a certainty. He indicated that a bill was being drafted which would reduce salaries to \$125 a month, but said he felt that the legislature would probably settle on \$150 a month which represents a savings of about \$108,000 per year.

Representative Howe said, "It seems unlikely that any major

tax program will come out of this session. It will largely be a matter of deciding where cuts will be made. Some areas can't stand too heavy cuts, such as the state hospital where they had a tight budget to begin with. We can't just turn these people out."

Howe indicated that the basic school support fund would have to be cut. "Somebody has to cut it," he commented. "It's the largest single item in the general fund. There will be cuts almost everywhere. However, these cuts must be selective."

He indicated that the legislature "may have to adopt the one-shot withholding plan but it is certainly not a permanent solution to the financial problem of the state."

In the final analysis, Howe said he would adopt a "wait and see" attitude regarding budget cuts, but said flatly, "I don't think the public would sustain any kind of a tax program at this time."

Charges Dismissed

Charges against a 33-year-old Klamath Falls woman accused of assault with a dangerous weapon were dismissed Thursday in Klamath County District Court, it has been reported.

Released from police custody was Marjorie Ann Stephens, 4355 Shasta Way, who had been charged with pointing a pistol at her former husband Clinton Croker Stephens, 38, as the pair were discussing their children outside of a Fifth Street Hotel.

Clinton told police he had informed his ex-wife that he was seeking custody of the children when she removed a .25 caliber automatic from her sweater and threatened, "I'll see you dead before you get custody of the kids."

Stephens said she departed for the police station where he reported the incident. City police later apprehended Mrs. Cole, who denied that she had pointed the pistol at Stephens. She said the gun had been on the dashboard of her automobile during the conversation.



NEW ROLE — Officers and men of the Klamath Falls and Kingsley Field fire departments normally are concerned with the job of putting out fires. But Saturday it was their task to set fires as they destroyed a series of condemned buildings, using the structures for training purposes during the fire. Shown here are (left to right) Capt. John Mathews and Chief Geno Gheller of the city department and Chief Howard Larman from Kingsley as they inspect one of the cabins shortly before the torch was put to it.



HOT SPOT — Four Kingsley Field firefighters edge up on a roaring inferno that once was a series of cabins on Market Street in Klamath Falls. The burning down of the old buildings gave firemen from the city department and the air base an opportunity to test their skills in extinguishing blazes. The firemen did their job well and often had to turn off their hoses to keep from putting out the fire before the buildings were leveled.

Cigarette And Sales Tax Proposals Will Be Offered

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more than a dozen legislative reporters, plus radio and television staffs.

Length of the session may depend on whether lawmakers decide to go along with the governor's program, or decide to make budget reductions themselves.

Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston, told Ways and Means members the legislature would be shirking its duty if it passed the buck to the governor.

While pre-session announcements have indicated new revenue programs would not be welcome at the special session, many lawmakers have announced plans for cigarette and sales tax proposals, programs to divert dedicated funds to the general fund, and alternates to the governor's announced agency budget cuts.

It appeared higher education would be the target of lawmakers who oppose increased tuition fees and higher entrance requirements.

Others say cuts proposed in welfare services and state institutions are too severe.

It appeared the House might approve a one-shot revenue speedup, but there was no indication the Senate would go along.

This will be the 12th special session in Oregon history. Past special sessions have ranged from one to 20 days in length. If this session carries into December, it will shatter past records.

of the budget problem.

It was hoped they would be able to make policy recommendations at last night's caucuses. The members informally agreed to allow the governor to make cuts in basic school aid, but could not reach agreement on whether a one-shot revenue speedup should be adopted. And there were indications they did not agree with all the budget cuts proposed by Hatfield.

New legislators to be sworn in Monday are Mrs. Elizabeth Kelsay, widow of Rep. W. O. Kelsay, D-Roseburg, who was killed in an auto crash Oct. 4; and Forest Grove Publisher Hugh McGilvra, who succeeds Rep. Robert Jones, R-Portland, who resigned Oct. 31 to accept appointment as a Multnomah County circuit judge.

While Monday is a holiday and government offices will be closed, many statehouse offices will be open to accommodate the legislature.

There will be a brief Veterans Day observance at the opening of the special session, and a giant Veterans Day parade in Salem Monday night.

As an economy measure, both the Senate and House will be operated with skeleton staffs.

The statehouse was alive with activity Friday and Saturday as last minute preparations were made for the session. The regular six-member Capitol Press Corps was swelled to



FRESH AIR — James Leonard, left, Kingsley Field fireman, with water still streaming down his face, enjoys a breath of fresh air moments after battling a roaring fire at close range during Saturday's training exercise. Leonard, and the unidentified fireman on the right, had moved their hose up to within a few feet of the burning inferno.

Firemen Put Torch To Old Buildings, Blazing Cabins Used For Drill Session

Firemen from Klamath Falls and Kingsley Air Force Base played a dual role Saturday morning—that of "firebug" and firefighter.

The arson was legal, however, as the firemen put the torch to a series of small buildings, known as the Peyton Cabins, that had been condemned by the city. Then the burning structures, located at 724 Market Street, were used for training purposes.

On at least one occasion, the firemen proved to be more skilled at putting out fires than starting them. Despite the use of a combustible mixture, the firemen appeared to have trouble getting one of the blazes going. On the other hand, the crews often had to back up on their high-powered hoses to keep from putting out some of the fires before the cabins were leveled.

Capt. John Mathews, drillmaster for the Klamath Falls Fire Department, said various fire situations were set up for the drill.

He said the firemen were shown how to properly approach a window and knock it out so it would not explode in their faces. In another instance, Captain Mathews said, a mattress was put in the attic of one building to provide another problem. The captain noted that mattresses are hard to put out and provide an excessive amount of smoke.

Captain Mathews said the Kingsley firefighters were invited to work with the city crew

since the two departments often work together through the mutual assistance program.

He also pointed out that plans are being made to conduct similar exercises when the city department's new drill tower is built, and invite various other fire departments from throughout the area to participate.

The training exercise Saturday was conducted by Chief Geno Gheller of the Klamath Falls department and Chief Howard Larman of Kingsley. Others helping direct the session included Assistant Fire Chief Jim Paxton, Fire Marshal Bill Ackerman, Captain Mathews, Capt. Ralph Edwards

and Capt. Ed Betsch of the city department and Sergeant McCalma, crew chief from Kingsley.

Several novice firemen from the air base took part in the morning drill.

The fire roared on and off for several hours Saturday morning and at times drew a sizable crowd of spectators.

The firefighters kept a close watch on surrounding buildings, wetting them down periodically.

The cabins were not quite so lucky. Although it was an effort, the firemen managed to let the little shacks burn to the ground.

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FRANK C. WHEELER

Elk Official Will Visit Lodge Here

Frank C. Wheeler, Burns, first vice president Oregon State Elks Association, will make his visitation to Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 1247 BPOE on the night of Thursday, Nov. 14. He will visit the lodge at Lakeview the previous night.

Notice of his visit was received by Robert P. Craig, exalted ruler of No. 1247.

Wheeler is a past exalted ruler of Burns Lodge No. 1680, now is serving his fifth and final year as a trustee, has served as inner guard and as fourth vice president in 1960-61, and has moved up one office each year since then. He is presently representing OSEA President James Timble of the La Grande Lodge.

The visiting officer is an assistant and adviser on state Elks projects, eye clinics, hide (veterans) program, youth activities, scholarships in the Oregon Southeast District.

The agenda during his visit will include a meeting of officers and committeemen at 4:30 p.m. and the regular lodge meeting at 8 p.m., which will program balloting on candidates, and Special Activities Night under chairmanship of Loren Binney.

Masterpoint Play Slated In Bridge Action Here

Five duplicate bridge tournaments which offer awards of one masterpoint or more to the winners are on tap in the Klamath Falls area during the next several weeks.

The first such tournament is scheduled next Thursday, Nov. 14, when the Lakeshore Bridge Club conducts its regular monthly masterpoint at the city library, 7:30 p.m. Three days later, Sunday, Nov. 17, the Klamath Falls Unit Committee's monthly MP will get underway 1:30 p.m., at the Winema Motor Hotel. The following Saturday, Nov. 23, will be the date for a special masterpoint event set for the Klamath Bridge Club at the city library, starting at 8 p.m. That club will hold its regular monthly MP tournament, as usual, two weeks later, Saturday, Dec. 7.

The remaining tournament offering increased MP awards is slated for Thursday evening Nov. 28, when another nationwide charity game is scheduled

for the Winema Hotel.

The results of local bridge tournaments as reported last week were:

KLAMATH BC (Saturday, Nov. 2): NS, 1. Helen Schaefer-Leona Robertson; 2. Martin and Beth Laylor; 3. Dorothy Rogers-Anne Briggs. EW, 1. Dolores Reeves-Frances Ross; 2. Dave and Pauline Richardson; 3. Nell Hancock-John Lake.

LAKESHORE BC (Thursday): NS, 1. Helen Mueller-Dolores Reeves; 2. Pauline Offield-Lacelle Honzel; 3. Bob Chilcote-John Lake. EW, 1. Mildred Rexford-Bertha Harlan; 2. Dr. and Mrs. Seth Kerron; 3. Lois Serruya-Crystal Cloke.

Results of the Lakeshore Club's early bird tournament Tuesday are not available.

Court Appoints Bill Smith To Planning Commission

The Klamath County Court has named Bill L. Smith, 39, to fill a post which has been vacant on the County Planning Commission since last summer when the three-year term of his predecessor, Robert Norris, expired, it was made known Friday.

Upon completion of his term, Norris requested the county court not to reappoint him to the seven-member commission. His successor recently completed 17 years as an employee of the Southern Oregon Broadcasting Company and is now affiliated with Cramer's Communications Company, 238 Market Street.

Smith graduated from high school in Grants Pass and worked in the electronics field in that city before being transferred here to television station KOTI about eight years ago. He has served in the broadcasting industry for some 22 years, including a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy.

Smith and his wife, Jean, reside at 2609 Summers Lane with their three children, Susan, 13; Steven, 12; and Melinda, 3.

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Man Indicted In Fraud Case

PORTLAND (UPI) — A Gold Beach man, E. W. Standow, 51, was indicted by a federal grand jury here Friday on charges of falsifying an application for a disaster loan.

Standow is charged with claiming excessive property losses in the Oct. 12, 1962, windstorm when he sought a Small Business Administration loan.

The application also said Standow had never been bankrupt and that he had been in the guide business more than two years.

Curtains Burn

Klamath Falls firemen were called to 514 Walnut Friday at 12:26 to extinguish a small fire in a residence occupied by Anna Francis. Firemen said a short in a floor plug had set a curtain on fire.

PLAN IS CURBED

HOUSTON (UPI) — Mrs. Veronica Schubert, 33, said Saturday she has canceled plans to ride her bicycle 190 miles from Austin to Houston. She pedaled into a curb during a practice run and broke her ankle.

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