

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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(Note—This is the ninth in a series of weekly articles dealing with the state ballot in November.)

WATER PURIFICATION AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BILL

This measure is sponsored by the Stream Purification League of Oregon of which State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, is president. It declares the public policy of the state to be the preservation of the natural purity of the water of rivers, streams, lakes and watersheds for the protection of public

health and recreational enjoyment of the people and for the protection and conservation of fish, aquatic life, and migratory birds.

The measure would create a division of the state board of health to be known as the Sanitary Authority of the State of Oregon composed of six members including the state health officer, state engineer, chairman of the state fish commission and one member from each of the three Congressional districts to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Board of Control. This commission would be vested with authority to make rules and regulations for the control of stream pollution, to make investigation of water pollution, conduct research and sponsor programs for promoting water purity, and to enforce compliance with state laws against water pollution. The Sanitary Authority would also be empowered to pass on plans for new sewer systems and sewage disposal plants. The three appointed members of the Authority would receive \$3 per day and travelling expenses when actually engaged upon their duties. The other members would receive only their actual expenses.

NO CLEMENCY FOR DRUNKS
Motorists convicted under Oregon's drunken driver law can no longer look to executive clemency to pave the way for restoration of their drivers' license. Attorney General Van Winkle this week advised Governor Martin that a pardon does not waive the necessity for filing proof of financial responsibility before the offender may again operate a motor vehicle. Eighteen motorists whose licenses have been restored following the extension of executive clemency face the prospect of having their permits revoked under this new ruling.

POWER COMPANY'S VALUATION CAUSED

Tentative assessments on 15 major power companies operating in Oregon as fixed by the State Tax commission show an increase of \$2,651,483 above the 1937 valuations. Several of the utilities have filed protests against the commission's valuations and these are now being aired in hearings before the commission. Reductions in railroad valuations due largely to financial difficulties experienced by these common carriers, are expected to offset much of the increase in electric utility valuations.

INSTITUTIONS BOOST BUDGETS

Budget requests for the 11 state institutions covering the 1939-40 biennium, filed with Budget Director Wharton call for a total of \$6,157,134.36. This is \$2,436,399.54 more than was appropriated for these same institutions two years ago. Salaries account for \$1,920,821 on the budget requests. Operating expenses total \$1,733,122; maintenance, \$240,107; general expenses, \$117,275; capital outlays, \$901,583; special requests, principally new buildings, \$1,104,274. Heavy cuts, especially in the special requests will probably be made by the budget director before the budgets are submitted to the legislature.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS INCREASE

Approximately 210,000 boys and girls will be attending the public schools of Oregon this year, according to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. Early returns indicate an increase of approximately five percent on the enrollment in both the elementary and high schools throughout the state, Putnam said. While the elementary schools as a whole show an increase in enrollment the enrollment in the primary grades continues low.

WILD LIFE LEAGUE MEASURE MAY BE LOST

The number of measures appearing on the state ballot in November will be reduced to 12 unless the Oregon Wild Life Council appeals from the decision of Circuit Judge Latourette enjoining Secretary of State Snell from placing the measure prohibiting the use of fixed fishing gear on the Columbia river, on the ballot. Judge Latourette's decision was based on the failure of the sponsors of the measure to include all of their expenses in the statement filled with the secretary of state. Some of the omitted expenditures it was charged, went to the payment of petition circulators in violation of the law prohibiting such a course.

CHILDREN INSTITUTES MUST AWAIT FOR MONEY

The 11 child caring institutions in Oregon must await action by the legislature before they can draw their state aid for the next quarter, according to Budget Director Wharton. The entire appropriation of \$305,000 set aside by the last legislature for the support of these institutions will have been exhausted by October 1, Wharton said. The budget director also called attention to an indicated deficit of \$1,824 at the end of the biennium in the state appropriation for the care of wayward girls.

NEWELL HEIGHTS

George Schiemer sold 160 acres of his land located on the new highway between Nyssa and Parma Mr. Hixby was the purchaser. This land will be under water next August.

Mrs. Louis Pratt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. De Boer and son and daughter of Ontario and Miss Mildred Dodge of New Plymouth were callers at Louis Pratt's home Sunday.

Louis and Gene Pratt returned from their deer hunting trip Friday. The party of five got three deer.

Miss Erma Kershner and friend of Homedale were visitors at the Lou Pratt home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Anderson and family accompanied by Mrs. H. B. Williams and Misses Joyce Crumit and Betty Nelson attended Church at Nyssa Sunday.

Mrs. Fay Corn's mother, Mrs. John Doner of Huston visited last week with the Corn family.

Mrs. Frank Morgan of Nyssa and sister Miss Janet Calkins of Eugene called at the Maurice Judd home Sunday.

Maurice Judd spent the week end with Clayton Morgan in Nyssa.

Mrs. Carrie McLaughlin of Ten Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McLaughlin and children of Apple Valley were Sunday dinner guests at the M. L. Kurtz home.

The high school students attended the freshmen reception in Nyssa Friday night.

Bob Kurtz had the misfortune of losing one of his 4-H pigs last week. Bob hunted for the pig for several days. It was found dead in a ditch dug for sewer pipe.

The high school students certainly appreciate the new route the bus is taking this year, as they don't have to walk so far to meet it.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKee and children of Milton, Ore., are visiting at the Walter Pinkerton home. They intend to stay during beet harvest.

Bruce Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thrasher and Lucile, Miss Joyce Crumit and Mr. McPartland, went deer hunting Friday and returned Sunday evening with a deer. On the way home the generator burnt out and they used a flash light for lights.

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Clifford Snyder took Ivan Zesiger's 4-H calves to Ontario Tuesday to be sent to the Pacific Livestock show at Portland.

Ernest Barker had the misfortune of losing one of his best cows last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Goulet and family and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Goulet and baby attended a birthday dinner at the Sid Flannigan home Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. Flannigan's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Harris and children were visitors of Mrs. Harris' parents in Weiser over the week end.

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