

## State Senator Tony Yturri Reports On Bills Before Oregon Lawmakers

By Sen. Anthony Yturri

The Oregon Legislature is approaching the close of its fourth week, and rather interesting bills have been introduced.

House Joint Memorial No. 2 was passed yesterday by a vote, as I recall, of 37-18 in the House. This memorial is for the purpose of requesting Congress to erect the high federal Hell's Canyon dam instead of the three lower dams, license for construction of which has been issued by the Federal Power Commission.

Emil Stunz, highly respected representative from Nyssa, spoke strongly against the memorial and urged that the Idaho Power company should be permitted to continue operation under its license. This memorial will soon be argued in the Senate and present indications are that the Senate will not follow the party lines in expressing their views.

House Bill No. 361 was introduced and read for the first time on Feb. 4. This bill was signed by all of the Republican representatives and senators. It would repeal the surtax over which there has been so much dispute. The theory of the Republicans is that the governor during his campaign and subsequently has promised that the surtax would be repealed.

However, the bill introduced in the House by the Democrats repealing the surtax, includes numerous other provisions relating to personal income tax rates, etc. The net effect would be to increase taxes. There will be considerable debate concerning these proposals.

### Annual Session Opposed

House Joint Resolution No. 4, now in the House, would implement the governor's platform by requiring the legislature to meet once each year. Many arguments have been advanced in opposition to this resolution. The opponents point out that this would require substantially increased costs, which I believe is true.

The effect of an annual session would also bring about professional legislators because those people engaged in the various workings of life could not afford to stay in Salem for prolonged periods each year. It is also argued that the number of days in each biennium during which the legislature would be in session would be greatly increased by the annual session program. Perhaps most important, at least in my judgment, is the fact that laws would be changed so frequently that the public, including the lawyers, would be unable to keep up with such changes.

A law which did not have the Emergency Clause would go into effect after 90 days had elapsed after the end of the Session, and we would find ourselves possibly amending a law which had only been in effect for a period of just a very few months. I would not be surprised if many of our constituents felt that instead of having the Legislature meet annually, the public might be better off if they met once every four years.

It is further argued that under our present system we have an Emergency Board which, in effect, takes the place of a legislature at least insofar as concerns appropriations and expenditures of money during the intermission legislative sessions. Of course there is also legal provision for calling a special session. This will be an interesting and controversial matter.

### School Increase Proposed

House Bill 171, read for the first time on January 23, would increase from \$80 to \$120 the amount to be appropriated to the Basic School Support Fund each year for all children between the ages of four and twenty. This bill provides, however, that each annual appropriation should be reduced by the amount produced in that year by property tax levies. The bill is still in committee, but I understand that another bill is being introduced which would merely increase the amount per child to \$120 without any strings being attached.

This particular legislation is one of the most controversial items facing the legislature. The legislature will be required to provide taxation measures that would produce the \$40 million necessary to pay for this increase. Several hearings have been held and insofar as is discernable, most of the people attending the hearings are in favor of the increase to \$120 per child.

However, the hearings and discussions do not concern themselves in any way with the manner in which this increase would be paid. In other words, the problem of increased taxation is not discussed simultaneously with the Basic School Support increase. The bill has not been debated in the house and has not yet reached the senate. I would appreciate the views of the people in my district concerning the increase to \$120 as well as the tax problem that it would pose.

A bill was introduced today in the senate which would eliminate the possibility of a state tax levy. This particular bill would merely remove the power of the state to impose such property levy. It

## COUNTY LIBRARY

A wide variety of novels together with books of humor and personal experience go into circulation on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Malheur County Library.

Han Suyin, well known for "A Many-Splendored Thing", now writes a novel with its setting in Malaya called "And the Rain My Drink" in which an idealistic British police officer and a beautiful Chinese girl who is a secret agent are principal characters.

James Thurber's "Further Fables for Our Time" is a humorous collection of brief fables with morals like "It is wiser to be henubious than cocksure."

Another venture in humor is Elinor Smith's "The Complete Book of Absolutely Perfect Housekeeping" which is aptly described in its subtitle: "An uproarious guide for disorganized housewives (with neat solutions to sloppy problems)."

Anne Sinclair Mehdevi, who married a Persian in 1945, writes of "making a home on the run," her children being born in Mexico and Austria as the family moved from place to place, in her book "From Pillar to Post."

"Himalayan Circuit" by Gopal Khosla is the story of a journey in the inner Himalayas bordering on Tibet and Kashmir, in which the magic of the mountain world with its inaccessibility and its sparse population are rescribed.

"Black Rhapsody" by Gunnar Helander is a translation from the Swedish of a novel about South Africa whose main characters are a missionary, a mulatto, and a native teacher.

"Harvest on the Shore" by Grace Carstens is a love story about an arrogant boy and the girl who loved him, and their mutual love of Cape Cod.

"The Captain General" by John Stevenson is a historical romance of 1567 when the Spanish Duke of Alva was sent to quell political

and religious uprisings in the Netherlands. "I Love a Lass" by Elizabeth Cadell is a light novel laid in France wherein a couple young men setting out on a sports-car tour are sidetracked into adventure and romance. "Bride of the River" is a novel of steamboat days on the Ohio River before the Civil War, written by Laura Harris. A Biblical novel by Shirley Watkins, "The Prophet and the King", recounts the story of Samuel, King Saul, and Young David in the days when the Israelites drove the Philistines from the land. "The Living Lotus" by Ethel Mannin tells the story of a young Anglo-Burmese girl separated from her English father as a small child during World War II and later uprooted from the Burmese life she loved when her father found her again. "Partners with Youth" by Dorothy Roberts discusses how adults and teen-agers can work together, describing successful adult-youth projects and programs to help solve neighborhood, community, or state-wide problems. "The Far Traveller" by Manning Coles is a ghost story in which the ghost of a German Nobleman comes back to earth to disrupt a movie company that is on location in his castle to make a film based on his life. "Thrifty Notches" is a western story by Samuel Peeples using the pseudonym, Brad Ward.

## State Bank Debits Show Increase

Oregon bank debits for December show an increase not only over November of this year, but also over December, 1955, the University of Oregon reports.

The 164 banks reporting in the state showed an increase in bank debits of 8 percent from December, 1955, and a 3.1 percent increase from November, 1955. Total bank debits for the state were \$1,757,114,634.

Bank debits, collected monthly by the university's bureau of business research, are regarded as good indicators of current business activity. Debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against deposit accounts of individuals and business firms.

Bank debits for December in the Burns, Ontario and Nyssa area showed a decrease of 4.5 percent over the previous month and were down 5.0 percent from December of a year ago. Total bank debits, with 5 banks in the area reporting, were \$22,513,979.

## Adrian Auxiliary Joining Drive

The Adrian Auxiliary Unit No. 109 is joining in a statewide Crusade for Freedom, announces Mrs. Betty Pifer, president.

The Adrian Auxiliary will direct the drive in that area for Crusade for Freedom, the organization that supports Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press, both bringing news about the free world to 70 million persons behind the iron curtain.

The week of Feb. 12 through 22 is Freedom Week, and the Auxiliary will conduct fund raising drives during that period.

## Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

### 10 Years Ago—Feb. 17, 1947

Richard Maw and Errett Hummell, representing the PTA, asked the city council at their meeting Tuesday night to take action to provide a recreation program over a period of 10 weeks during the summer. . . . Don M. Graham has been appointed justice of the peace in Nyssa, succeeding Frank D. Hall, who resigned. . . . Supt. Henry Hartley, who had announced he intended to resign as superintendent of Nyssa schools, agreed at a meeting of the school board this week to remain with the school system until the initial phase of the district's building program was completed. The board also decided to raise teachers salaries about \$600 a year.

### 15 Years Ago—Feb. 12, 1942

Registration of men from 20 to 45 who are not already registered for possible military service, will be held in the city hall beginning Feb. 14. . . . Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle notified city officials that Nyssa is in the Mountain time belt. Much confusion was caused in whether Nyssa was in Pacific or Mountain time. . . . The city council passed a resolution Monday night increasing the minimum charge for water from \$1.75 to \$2 a month. . . . The Nyssa rationing board

issued 8 tires and 4 tubes from Jan. 5 to Feb. 6.

### 20 Years Ago—Feb. 11, 1937

After a delay of unseasonable weather, the CCC rodent poisoning crew started work again poisoning rabbits on the Nyssa bench covering a strip 5 miles long. . . . A census taken this week disclosed the growth of Nyssa in 1930 count of 821 to 1323, 3000 population is predicted for 1940. . . . The Malheur Home Telephone Co. moved from the Phillips building to their recently constructed building 1 block south of the Blackman building this week.

### 30 Years Ago—Feb. 18, 1927

Verdi Miller, student at OSC and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller, Nyssa, is recovering from pneumonia and injuries sustained while she was sleigh riding at Corvallis. . . . Removal of old landmarks, trees on Main street this week made room for the future paving of the street. . . . Monday was moving day for a number of Nyssa citizens. Jim Fogle moved from his town house to the Desert sheep ranch, Charles Horton from the Goshert house to the Fogle residence, Ves Goshert from the ranch to his town home, Green Campbell from his town house to the

## School District To Request Bids

School District 26-C will call for bids for a new school bus and gasoline and coal supplies, Superintendent R. V. Wilson announced.

The bids will be called for the April meeting of the board of directors.

Goshert ranch and Dr. Bradford to the Campbell home.

### 35 Years Ago—Feb. 10, 1922

The Huffman children in the Owyhee are ill with scarlet fever. Dr. Sarazin advised closing the school for one week. The school was given a thorough fumigation. . . . Peterson Christensen of Adrian traded 3 lots in the city to William Ashcraft for a white horse which he is driving to a new buggy purchased from Ray Elliott.

### 40 Years Ago—Feb. 9, 1917

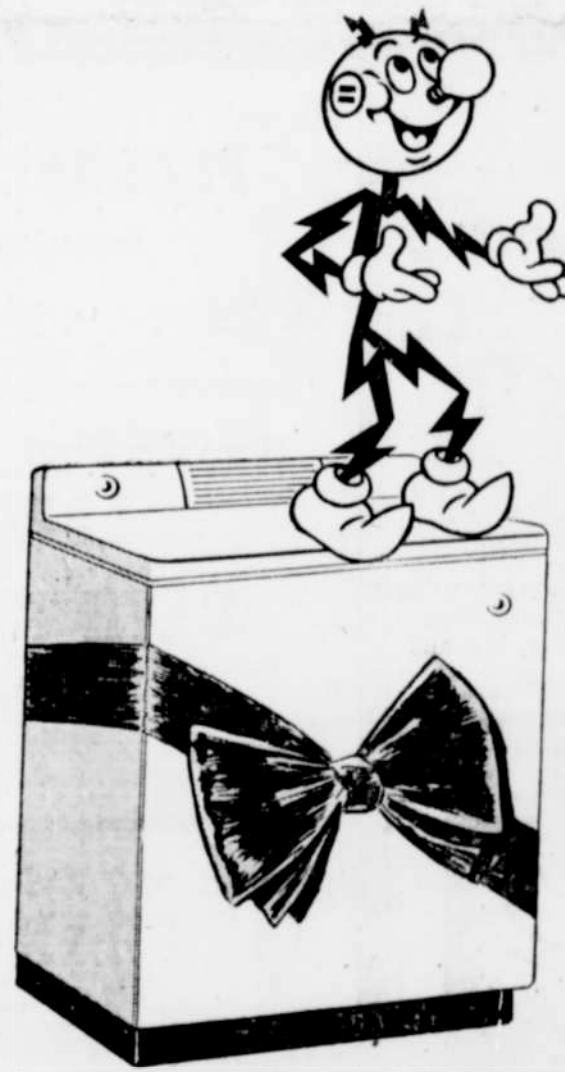
A large number of friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson of Arcadia helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 6. . . . The teams of E. F. Pratt and Jack Glasscoe were in Nyssa loading poles for the construction of an electric power line which will serve many of the Owyhee people for the pumping of irrigation water from both the Owyhee river and Owyhee ditch. . . . An appropriation of \$50 was made by Nyssa city council for the installing of an electric fire bell.

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