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Stunz Speaks From Capitol

(Last Week's Report)
Rep. Emil A. Stunz

After nine weeks of this legislative session there have been 1109 bills introduced, and 69 have passed both houses. Most of these bills are products of state agencies and departments, interim study committees and organizations such as the Oregon State Labor council, the Oregon State Education association and the state bar. Many of them are bills that legislators are requested to introduce and sponsor by folks from the county or area which they represent. This will partly answer the question that we so often hear, "Where do all of the bills come from?"

A move for a constitutional amendment that would set a limit on federal income taxes is still underway in the house. The Idaho lawmakers have recently approved such a resolution, which was the 32nd state to take such action. The limit in most cases is set at 25 percent on federal income, inheritance and gift taxes in peace time.

Opposes Assessment Measure

HB 419 is the bill which would give the assessor the right to examine your income tax statement so far as real and personal property is concerned. I opposed this measure because there are times when heavy equipment, especially, would be depreciated out and would have no book value but still the replacement would be very high. In other words, I think that the assessor or his deputy should get out into the field to do a good job. The sponsors of this bill mustered enough support to bring it back on the floor for reconsideration and it has now been referred to the tax committee for amendments.

Office Appointments Downed

HB 346, which would make the offices of county assessor, surveyor and coroner appointive rather than elective and a resolution for a constitutional amendment setting the term of county clerk at four years (instead of the present two) has been voted down in the house. Both of these bills

Legion Auxiliary Meets Monday

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. H. O. Hopkins last Monday afternoon. Discussion was held on the annual American Legion birthday dinner to be held March 28 at the Rebekah hall at 7 p. m.

Mrs. Nettie Bennett gave a report on information about civil defense, which the auxiliary is starting a project on.

A report on what the auxiliary has done for Vale flood relief was given by Mrs. Francis Laurance.

came out of the state and federal affairs committee with a do not pass recommendation.

HB 340, relates to nonpartisan nomination and election of judges and justices of the peace. The question was "should one of the above candidates be allowed to use a ten word slogan following his name on the election ballot?" This measure came out of the elections committee on a minority and a majority report. The majority report, asking that the slogan be allowed won out by a 39 to 19 vote. The bill, in its amended form, allowing the slogan will again be up for vote in the house March 19.

Lieutenant Governor

The house has approved, by a 48 to 16 vote, a proposed constitutional amendment asking for the creation of the office of lieutenant governor. If this passes the senate it will be placed upon the 1958 general election ballot for the vote of the people. Another amendment which asks for the abolishment of the death penalty in first degree murder cases has passed the house on a 49 to 7 vote. It was by coincidence that after Rep. Duncan had floored this measure and before he had made his rebuttal, the Salem Journal was delivered to the desks of the representatives, and carried headlines of the death of Burton Abbott in California's gas chamber just two minutes before a late minute reprieve was given the man by California's Gov. Knight.

Ask Centennial Change

The chairman of the house ways and means committee, Rep.

Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

10 Years Ago—March 10, 1947

Fifty men, sponsored by the Nyssa Boat club, using four trucks and two graders, improved the old road to the Owyhee dam last week. . . . Ralph Castor has sold the Owyhee Drug store to Hubert Perisoll of Nampa. . . . The Malheur Game commission reports the destruction of 5000 crows by the blasting of crow rookeries on an island in the Snake river between Nyssa and Ontario. . . . Harold Henigson, attorney of Portland, has made arrangements to open a law office in Ken Renstrom's real estate office in the Atkeson building at Main and Third streets.

15 Years Ago—March 12, 1942

The Eagles lodge of Nyssa recently purchased \$500 worth of U.S. defense bonds from the Nyssa First National bank. . . . Mayor J. C. Olsen appointed Tracey Mefford as janitor, street cleaner and street patrol and truck operator at \$100 per month. . . . A freak fire occurred at the Thompson service station when Russell Rose had just pumped gasoline into a truck and left the nozzle in the tank of the truck. When he started to drive away the attached hose pulled two pumps over breaking electric wires and starting the blaze.

20 Years Ago—March 11, 1937

Don Willson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Willson, joined the navy and will sail in the next 30 days for the Philippines. . . . The old real estate office occupied as a residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Bertsch was moved this week west of the Jake Fischer place.

Bob Steward of Baker and two of the members of his committee, Rep. Barton and Sen. Pearson are in favor of having the centennial at Salem instead of at Portland. Barton's idea is that if \$1,000,000 of the general fund is to be spent on this project, that the state should get something in return. The Pacific International, the proposed site at Portland, is a private corporation, and \$500,000 of the appropriation would go toward rehabilitation of the P. I. building. According to Barton the P. I. is a major livestock building with a muddy parking lot adjoining it and the state fair grounds at Salem has a fine grove of trees and lawns. There are many other considerations, pro and con, Portland having facilities to accommodate thousands of visitors, etc.

Other Bills

Another hearing on SB 302, which would put the state fair under the state agriculture committee, will be held Tuesday. Agriculture Director Jim Short and Rep. Bob Steward, the new director, will each testify.

The green stamp proposals haven't been studied in committee as yet. The distressed school aid bill is in committee.

The house passed bills to create a state conciliatory service and to repeal the 1953 anti-picketing law are in the senate labor and industries committee.

The Saturday bank closing bill will probably be acted upon by the senate financial affairs committee in a few days.

Predictions are now that we will get through by May 1, we hope they are right but we doubt it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simianer were Monday evening dinner guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Flinders at the East Side Cafe in Ontario.

COUNTY LIBRARY

A humorous presentation of children's writings and a readable account of the U.S. Senate are two books heading the list of those going into circulation on Saturday, March 23, at the Malheur county library.

"Write Me a Poem, Baby" by H. Allen Smith is a collection of writings by small children, interspersed by the author's comments; the selections are fresh, lively and unconsciously funny.

"Citadel" by William S. White is the story of the U.S. Senate, dealing with it "as one would try to deal with the story of an extraordinary and significant man."

"Azala" by John Skolle describes the author's travels with an Arab camel train across the Sahara on a dangerous journey, and tells of the fierce desert nomads.

"The Prayers of Peter Marshall" is a collection of the prayers delivered before the senate of the United States as well as pastoral prayers by the man whose story was told in the biography, "A Man Called Peter."

"Beyond Desire" is a novel based on the life of Felix and Cecile Mendelssohn, written by Pierre La Mure.

A historical novel of the time of Henry VII of England is "Warm Wind, West Wind" by Anne Matthew.

"The Hungry Leopard" by Mary Borden unfolds the story of a British diplomat's estranged wife and her love affair with a famous author.

"The Wonderful Sibleys" is a novel by William Maier about a distinguished family whose self-

FORMER NYSSAN UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. Bob Maggard, Caldwell, the former Virginia Benoit of Nyssa, underwent surgery at the Caldwell hospital recently. She is convalescing at her home. Glenda Benoit, Nyssa, visited at the Maggard home last week.

deception did strange things to their lives.

"Mission to Mackinac" by Myron Orr revolves around the English-French struggle for control of North America prior to the War of 1812, and features a romance between the daughter of a French secret agent, and a British spy.

"The Stories of Liam O'Flaherty" are short stories having to do with nature as both friend and enemy.

Garth Olsen On Concert Tour

Garth Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brig Olsen was on tour this week with the Utah State University concert band of USU, Logan, Utah. Their tour included stops in Idaho Falls, Ida. and Wyoming.

Olsen, a freshmen student at the college is a 1956 graduate of Nyssa high school.

ATTEND EXTENSION MEETING IN ONTARIO

Mrs. Fern Runcorn, Mrs. Carl Grunke and Mrs. V. W. Duus attended an extension meeting at the United Presbyterian church in Ontario Tuesday last week.

Mrs. Duus attended a county committee meeting in Willowcreek recently.



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April 1, 1957

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Ken has had over ten years' experience in the Insurance business and is considered one of the outstanding agents in this area. We greatly appreciate your patronage and know that we can now give you better service as a Real Estate and Loan Agency than we could before.

We also know that Mr. Renstrom, who is a capable and experienced Insurance Agent and who does not handle Real Estate or Loans, will have the time to better service your Insurance.

Please address any correspondence regarding Insurance to the Renstrom Agency at 217 Good Avenue or call 6697, Nyssa.

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