

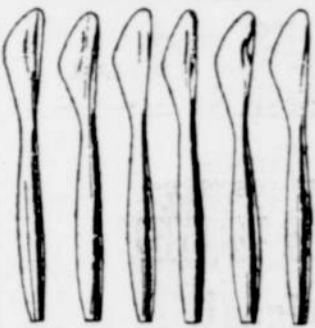
Jo Strickland Honored On Birthday Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith entertained with Sunday dinner in honor of their granddaughter, Jo Strickland, on her 10th birthday anniversary. In addition to the honored guest those present were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Strickland and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hawkins and family of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kressly and sons of Ontario.



MRS. S. P. (VIRGINIA) BYBEE is shown with her donkey and cart arrangement of cut flowers displayed at Town and Country Garden club first annual flower show. This was only one of the many lovely and novel arrangements together with flower specimens viewed by the public May 16-17 at the Merc store in downtown Nyssa. —Staff Photo.

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Sen. Yturri Discusses Legislative Session

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but was killed by a house committee.

b. "Three-way compensation" bill passed the senate but never emerged from house committee. This would have allowed employers to elect whether they would contribute to State Industrial Accident fund, provide insurance through private company or be self-insured.
c. SB 502 passed, which prohibits picketing of harvest of perishable crops by anyone not employed for at least three days.
d. A great stride forward occurred with the provision of the Boardman site for missile development and space age industrial growth by Boeing Airplane company.
e. An easement across the seashore was granted to International Paper company. (These last two items will mean a great deal for future industrial growth.)

Salaries
Salaries were increased substantially among the classified and unclassified state employees, as was true with academic teaching salaries and officers pay.

a. Circuit judge's salary was increased from \$13,000 to \$16,500 per annum.

b. Supreme court justice's salary, from \$16,500 to \$19,000 per annum.

c. Secretary of state, state treasurer and others, from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

d. Higher education academic salaries increased about 14 percent.

e. Other state employees will receive about a 10 percent increase.

Education

a. Approximately \$10 million provided for construction of new buildings in higher education area.

b. Basic school support was increased from \$105 per census child to \$115 per child during the fiscal year 1961-62 and \$120 the following year.

c. "Double taxation" which occurs when the boundaries of a school district overlap those of a union high school district was eliminated.

d. "Community colleges" were authorized and funds appropriated. Malheur county will soon be in line if the people desire.

Traffic Safety—Highway

Apparently the legislature is not adequately concerned about the "carnage" which occurs on our highways. The senate passed but the house defeated, or greatly modified, bills which would have adopted "implied consent to chemical test" in drunken driving cases, also a bill adopting a maximum speed limit of 65 miles per hour except on freeways where it would be 70 mph. Also defeated was right of officer to arrest on probable cause in drunken driving cases.

Instead, the requirement of written consent to blood test was repealed, and an officer was given right to issue a citation (not arrest) on probable cause in misdemeanors.

a. \$24,000,000 was authorized through bonds for the Astoria bridge.

b. \$4,200,000 was authorized to complete highway 42.

c. A bill to reduce truck taxes so that Oregon would be closer in line with other states was vetoed by the governor.

Cities and Counties

a. The cities' share of liquor revenues was increased from 10 to 12 1/2 percent and for the first time counties will receive 5 percent of liquor revenues.

b. Mental health clinics were authorized for counties.

c. Numerous attempts to erode "home rule" and reduce local autonomy were defeated.

Agriculture

Many measures of benefit to

agriculture were passed, including:

a. Oregon Beef council will collect 10 cents per head for livestock sold, which amount will be returned upon request, but if not returned will aid in advertising and research.

b. The herbicide law will now include pesticides.

c. Each county is certain to have a watermaster.

d. Milk producers will receive a minimum price for their milk, thus eliminating possible disasters of a "milk war."

e. Federally owned grazing lands which are leased by cattlemen will remain exempt from taxation.

f. A two-year experimental period for furthering the elimination of livestock theft was authorized.

g. Highway department will be required to pay for "operation and maintenance" charges on irrigation district lands condemned for right of way on an amortized basis.

Legal Matters

a. A tax court has been established. This will replace the former appeal to the commission and should be of great help to ordinary taxpayers.

b. Wire-tapping in narcotic cases only has been authorized.

c. Laws were passed curbing distribution of "obscene" literature.

"Local" Laws Discussed

Other than laws of general application from which Malheur county will benefit, the following legislation could be considered as having special benefit for Malheur county:

1. Although SB 543 failed, it did point up the urgency of the bridge across Snake river at Ontario. This passed the senate but not the house. It should advance construction date.

2. Prohibiting of agricultural picketing.

3. Although this did not result from legislation, our work toward obtaining funds for construction of the road to Lake Owyhee is an item of which Rep. Emil Stunz and I are proud.

4. Increase of liquor revenues to cities to 12 1/2 percent and counties, for the first time, to 5 percent.

5. Defeat of numerous attempts to reduce local autonomy.

6. Decrease of the percentage required to defeat "school reorganization" from 60 to 50 percent.

7. Increase of salaries for district attorneys, circuit judges and state employees.

8. Provision for mandatory watermasters.

9. Experimental livestock prevention.

10. Retention of our existing tax structure.

11. Retention of representation in the legislature on reapportionment.

12. Increase of basic school support.

13. Elimination of "double taxation" in overlapping school districts.

14. Authorization of community colleges.

15. Passage of milk control act, assuring minimum price to producer.

16. Curb on distribution and sale of obscene literature.

17. Requirement that highway department pay for "operation and maintenance" charges on amortized basis on irrigation district lands condemned for right of way.

All in all, after 122 days in session, this legislature, except for increased expenditures, can be characterized as one "determined to preserve the status quo."

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