

Completed Actions at State Capitol Indicate Adjournment Drawing Near

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The State Board of Education reversed an earlier decision on Wednesday and decided that the McDermitt school district in Malheur county may remain as a suspended district. We are pleased to report this decision and feel that as a result of our strong protest the State Board of Education recognized the inequities which would have resulted had they forced the McDermitt consolidation with the Arock district, some 75 miles distant.

The House of Representatives took several actions this week indicating adjournment is near. Several committees have completed action on all their bills and have held their last meetings. Clerks of these committees have received notice terminating their services. The House of representatives held a Saturday session to complete action on the heavy load of bills awaiting consideration.

Compensation Bill Approved

The Senate amended the House version of the controversial Workmen's Compensation bill to delay coverage of farm workers until January 1968. The Senate also took action to require state, counties, cities and other local governments to insure through the State Industrial Accident Commission. The bill provides an increase in benefits to the injured workman of about 25 percent and covers an additional 400,000 to 600,000 Oregon working men and women.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments by a vote of 35 to 22 last week and sent the bill on to the governor. Organized labor, objecting to the date of farm coverage, has announced plans to refer the bill to the people. Capitol observers, remembering the three to one vote by which organized labor's plan was defeated in 1964, doubt such action will be successful.

Property Tax Limitation Fiscal Nightmare

Proponents of a 1½ percent ceiling on property taxes held meetings with the secretary of state concerning the filing of a constitutional amendment requiring such a limitation. The Senate, after lengthy hearings on such a plan, has concluded it would be a fiscal nightmare at best. A close examination of the effect of the 1½ percent limitation has caused legislators to conclude it is unworkable.

When the hundreds of overlapping taxing districts in Oregon are examined, any system of distribution of funds by the state breaks down. The 1½ percent limitation reduces the revenue to local governments some \$85 to \$90 million, and either local governmental services must be reduced some 30 percent or additional funds raised.

Percentages Vary

There is presently a wide variation of percentages levied. Multnomah county is the highest in the state with 2.75 percent while Gilliam county in Eastern Oregon is lowest with 1.09 percent. Only seven counties average under the 1½ percent figure. While a 3 to 4 percent sales tax would raise the revenue lost by such a limitation, no method has yet been

devised to distribute the funds to the local districts.

A distribution by expenditures would reward those high-spending districts. Distribution by population or assessed value would not maintain the present level of services in the high-tax districts because they would not receive enough state money to bring their assessment below 1½ percent.

No method of dividing the funds raised by the 1½ percent between the various districts has been devised yet either. For example, if a particular district has a 60-mill limitation, who is to say how many mills the county is to receive, how many the school district is to receive, how many the city or particular special district is to receive. It is little wonder the limitation is labeled a "fiscal nightmare."

Preposterous Ideas Proposed

Some legislators have advanced a variety of preposterous proposals in face of this 1½ percent limitation threat. One Democrat legislator from Salem went before the Rules committee with a plan calling for the state to finance all costs of schools.

Republicans on the Rules committee, reluctant to give up local control of schools, turned it down. Adoption of such a plan would mean that each local school district budget would have to be examined in Salem. Local school boards would no longer have effective control of schools. Every time a school district wanted a new bus they would have to go to Salem and fight every other school district for money. This proposal was defeated on a straight party-line vote, with the Democrats in favor of it and the Republicans against it.

Apprenticeship Approved

A controversial measure expanding Oregon's apprenticeship training program and putting the apprenticeship director directly under the labor commissioner easily passed the House 47-11. The measure, a bitterly fought issue that has split organized labor, now goes to the Senate.

Its purpose is to broaden the apprenticeship program to include skills covered by industrial unions as well as craft unions and to provide credit for pre-apprenticeship training in community colleges and vocational schools. The union dispute was between the craft unions which now control the program and the industrial unions which desired that their members also be eligible to participate in the program.

Apportionment Bill Altered

The Senate Elections committee scrapped the House-passed apportionment plan. The only change in Oregon's congressional apportionment made by the plan reported out of the Senate Elections



THIS UNUSUALLY LARGE TANK CAR is on a Nyssa siding of Union Pacific Railroad and represents a new service in the city. Ideal Gas and Appliance company will now distribute gas from here to branch plants instead of from Boise. The capacity of this car is 32,872 gallons, or about three times the size of a normal car. The local gas company will now distribute the gas instead of using a commercial transport. A new transport truck with a 6,000-gallon semi-trailer has been added to the firm's equipment. New storage

tanks will be erected this fall on a lot at Idaho and Locust streets where the land has been graded and prepared for a new siding. At that time all tanks will be moved from the North First street location. The gas is shipped from Rimbey, British Columbia, Canada, and this car is the first of this size into Eastern Oregon. Standing in front of the car are (left to right) Walt Ford, Chamber of Commerce president; Mayor Grant Rinehart; Wilton Jackson, gas company owner; and Tom Jones, local UP freight agent.

Marion Chamberlain Rites Held Monday Afternoon in Nyssa

Funeral rites for Marion Abner Chamberlain were conducted on Monday afternoon, April 26, 1965, at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating was the Rev. Wallace M. Prowell, pastor of Nyssa Christian church.

Mr. Chamberlain succumbed last Thursday evening at Malheur Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for approximately two weeks.

He was born Dec. 26, 1897, in Tripp, S.D., the youngest child of Abner and Tammerson (Tammie) Chamberlain. He resided in that community until 1936 when he moved to the Nyssa area and began farming near Owyhee corners.

He is survived by one brother, Arthur Chamberlain of Lewistown, Mont.; a number of nephews and nieces. His parents, four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Burial was made in Owyhee cemetery where concluding services were held. Pallbearers were Floyd Ulrey, Kay Hori, Claude Skinner, Charles Chapin, John Nottingham and Klaas Hart.

RETURNS FROM TWIN FALLS

Mrs. Ellis Walters returned Monday evening from Twin Falls where she spent the weekend visiting her sister, Mrs. Faye Willhite. The two women helped their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bea Farmer, celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on April 24 at their home in Twin Falls.

This differs from the House version, which placed Linn and Marion into Eastern Oregon and transferred Benton from the First district to the Fourth district and Multnomah, west of the Willamette river, from the Third district to the First district.

Eastern Oregonians object to the Senate plan on the grounds that agricultural Eastern Oregon has little in common with urban Multnomah county and this heavy population area might at some time elect Eastern Oregon's congressman.

Superintendent Election Required

The State Supreme court has held that Superintendent of Public Instruction Leon Minear holds office illegally and an election must be held for his position next May. Minear, originally appointed by Governor Hatfield, has since been selected by the State Board of Education under a law adopted by the legislature in 1961. The Supreme court held this 1961 law unconstitutional. Minear has announced he will seek election in May.

Constitutional Revisions Alive

The Senate Rules committee amended the House-passed Constitutional Revisions and passed it out for floor debate. Senate President Harry Boivin predicts the plan will pick up the necessary 20 votes on the Senate floor. The Senate version makes little change in basic government structure as scheduled for debate on the Senate floor.

It will increase the number of state senators to 35 and representatives to 65. It would require a 60 percent approval on any public bond election and it deletes the provision that local governments may raise their tax levy 6 percent a year without a vote of the people. This provision, if adopted, would require a vote on each budget hike.

May 17 Deadline Set for Property Taxpayer Appeal

Oregon property taxpayers have until May 17 to appeal this year's assessments to their county boards of equalization, according to the state tax commission.

Each county board will convene on Monday, May 10, to begin its annual review of assessments. Under Oregon law a property owner may appear in person or be represented by an attorney or other agent before the board when it considers petitions for reduction of assessments.

Taxpayers cannot wait until receiving their tax statements in the fall to appeal their assessments. If they do not know the assessed value of their property at this time, they can learn it at the county assessor's office.

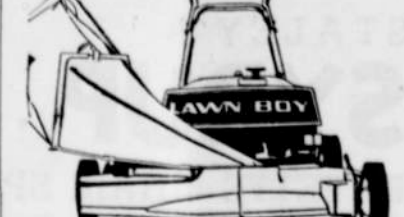
By multiplying the assessed value by four (except in Multnomah county), they can determine the true cash (market) value. Multnomah county will use a 28 percent ratio this year and property owners there can determine the market value by dividing the assessed value by 28 percent.

If a taxpayer feels that the assessor's appraised value of his property exceeds market value, he may appeal by petition to the county board of equalization. Forms for this purpose are available in most assessor's offices or at county clerk's offices.

From the board decision, the taxpayer may appeal to the State Tax commission (or, in the case of real property, directly to the Oregon Tax court's Small Claims division if the market value as determined by the board is not more than \$25,000).

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Wyckoff Selected Wallowa County 'Father of the Year'

C. C. Wyckoff, a former Nyssan now residing near Wallowa, has been named Wallowa County "Father of the Year" for 1965.

He was selected early in April from a list of eight entries representing the four major communities in the county. His name was submitted by the Busy Baker 4-H club of Wallowa.

Mr. Wyckoff has for many years been an ardent worker in the Methodist church, working in the Church school, with youth groups and holding numerous church offices. He is a promoter of education, worked actively in the Grange, 4-H and FFA units for many years and held many offices with farm, livestock and civic organizations.

Following the depression and dust storms in Kansas, he applied for and received a 120-acre veteran's homestead near Nyssa. He developed the land, sold it, continued to expand and his holdings now exceed 7000 acres in Wallowa county.

His is a singing family, having at times formed quartets and sung duets for various functions. At family gatherings the singing still continues, bringing back many fond memories.

Following an example set by their father, all eight of the Wyckoff children obtained higher

Tuesday Session Set By Irrigation Group

Directors of the Big Bend Irrigation district, sitting as a board of equalization, will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the home of W. C. Van DeWater, secretary.

Purpose of the session will be to review and correct the assessment roll and apportionment of charges for operation and maintenance during the 1965-66 period, and the assessment of 50 cents per acre for operation and maintenance of the Big Bend unit of the district.

Also levied are 15 cents per acre for operation and maintenance and \$2.75 per acre (as determined by the secretary of the interior) to meet construction and rehab charges of the park unit within the district.

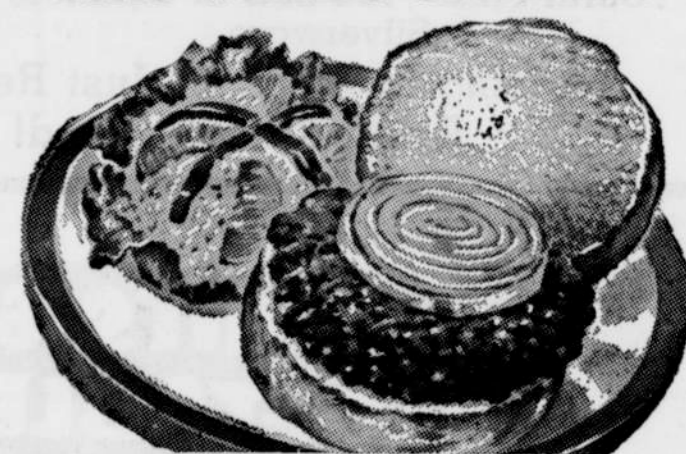
The assessment roll and record may be inspected by any interested person at the office of the secretary.

education and all are active in church work. Among the five sons is Dwight of Nyssa.

Although "Chris" retired from active farming about two years ago, he and his wife still reside on the valley ranch and rent the land out.

Mr. Wyckoff is still interested in youth programs, just as he has always been. He says, "How could I be otherwise when I now have 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren on the way."

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