

State Enjoys Unparalleled Growth; Tax Men Point Out Revenue Increase

By STATE SENATOR ANTHONY YTURRI and REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT F. SMITH

The state of Oregon is enjoying unparalleled growth. The revised estimate by the tax commission, issued April 30, points out an increase in revenues over previous expectations of an additional \$10 million this biennium. It appears that the budget for the state of Oregon will be in the neighborhood of \$351 million, representing a \$10 million reduction from the governor's proposed budget.

With resources up \$22 million and expenditures reduced by \$10 million, it is obvious that more resources are available than was originally contemplated at the beginning of this session. It is also an obvious argument against new taxes upon the people of this state.

We are working toward using this money as a direct property tax relief in the form of distribution to the counties, with the ultimate reduction of each individual's property tax. Should we be successful, it could mean from 6 to 10 percent reduction in each individual's property tax.

Seek Auto License Increase

The cities and counties of the state have been pressuring the legislature for additional money by way of adopting a one-cent increase in the gas tax and a five-dollar increase in license fees for automobiles. We believe it is time to point out the reasons why we oppose this increase and will fight against its adoption by the legislature.

The highway commission historically has divided funds among five districts in the state on the basis of need, population and area. Recently the five divisions have been abolished, and revenues are distributed on the basis of so-called "highway traffic count." The results are as follows:

Eastern Oregon Funds Cut

In the fiscal years of 1966-67 the 18 counties in Eastern Oregon will be reduced by \$2.8 million under the new revised formula while Western Oregon counties will receive an additional \$25.1 million. There is no question in anyone's mind that the metropolitan areas of the state have greater traffic count and probably greater need than many of the areas in Eastern Oregon.

However, we cannot agree that taxing the people whom we represent and at the same time reducing the amount of money distributed to our roads and highways in Eastern Oregon is fair or right. If we are going to help pay the bill, we demand receiving some of the benefits therefor.

Senate Scuttles House-Passed Apportionment Measure

The Senate Elections and Reapportionment committee, after having the House-passed congressional reapportionment measure

for 63 days, presented its own plan, which the Senate adopted. Senator Yturri presented the House plan as a minority report. He pointed out that the new plan, called the Musa bill, had three major defects.

The first is that it fails to come near to the Supreme court edict of "one man, one vote," as there is a difference of more than 95,000 population between the largest and smallest district. This is more than a 21 percent variation. This compares to a 6,000 difference in the House-passed reapportionment bill, which is less than a 2 percent variation between the largest and the smallest district.

The second objection to the Senate plan is that it divides a county arbitrarily along street lines. That part of Multnomah county east of 190th, 182nd, 181st streets is placed into Eastern Oregon, along with Clackamas county. The House-passed reapportionment measure also divides Multnomah county, but it does so along the natural geographical boundary of the Willamette river.

Eastern Oregon Objects

The third objection to the plan comes from the Eastern Oregon community, which feels it has nothing in common with the Portland metropolitan area. Eastern Oregonians argue they would much rather have the primarily agricultural counties of Linn and Marion attached to their congressional district, than urban-oriented Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

The future of the bill is uncertain, as it will probably go to a House-Senate Conference committee. The House version of the bill received strong bi-partisan support in the House, with 27 Republicans and 18 Democrats voting for it.

We shall oppose to the bitter end allowing Eastern Oregon to be annexed by Multnomah county, thereby not only losing our congressional representative but also any community of interest with that part of the state.

Education Budget Approved

Higher education received almost \$20 million more for the next two years than it did in the last two. This includes about a \$5.6 million salary increase for professors in state universities. About a half million dollars of



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT F. SMITH (on left) and SENATOR ANTHONY YTURRI are pictured at one of their frequent meetings to discuss state legislation of importance to the Eastern Oregon area. The able legislators are both leaders of the Republican party and represent this district at the sessions in Salem. Rep. Smith is a resident of Burns in Harney county, while Sen. Yturri's home is at Ontario in Malheur county. Each week, since the present legislative session began in January, they have written a column for news media of the area. These items have been published continuously in the Journal in order to keep readers informed of legislative action at the state capitol.

Residents of Newell Heights Area Suffer From Recent Heart Ailments

By Mrs. Wilson Witt

NEWELL HEIGHTS — Mrs. Edith Hammon suffered a heart attack on April 28 at her home. She had been in failing health since sustaining injuries in a car mishap occurring on Feb. 14, 1963.

She resides with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thelma Hammon, is now confined to the home and visitors are limited.

Leslie Topf entered Malheur Memorial hospital on April 26 for care and treatment of a heart ailment. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Topf and family of Hazelton, Idaho, were Sunday dinner guests in the Irvin Topf home and visited the men's father in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warren of Parma were Sunday afternoon visitors in the Topf home.

Farm Bureau Dinner Set

The Adrian Farm Bureau unit is sponsoring a dinner to be served at 8:30 this evening at East Side cafe in Ontario. The dinner is for all paid-up members.

Mmes. M. L. Kurtz, Anna Pratt, Marie Moore, Tina Schiemer and R. D. McKinley attended Bible study meeting held April 28 at the home of Mrs. John Packwood in Big Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fenn and family of Ontario were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pratt and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Perkins in Fruitland.

Attend Piano Recital

Mr. and Mrs. Luit Stam attended a piano recital Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church in Caldwell. Their granddaughter, Libby Miller of Big Bend; Lois Seuell, also of that community and Jane Timmerman of Newell Heights were among the participants.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Simpson were recent Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holdt in Sunset Valley. Friday evening they visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eason in Homedale. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Holdt visited Saturday afternoon with the Raymond Simpson family in Nyssa.

Happy Dozen card club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mabel Piercy.

Karen Simpson, Steve Krieh, Judy Pratt, Eugene Pratt, Teresa Topf, Jane Timmerman, Lynn Barton, Margaret Zamora and Linda Cutler of Newell Heights were among students attending the junior-senior prom Saturday evening at Adrian high school.

Mrs. Marie Moore was a Sunday luncheon guest of Mrs. Mary Auker in Big Bend.

Feted With Bridal Shower

Mmes. Frankie and Lydia Worden attended a bridal shower given Saturday afternoon for Nancy Tringle of Post Falls, Idaho. It was held in the Adrian Community church social room.

Mrs. Ira Price, Jr., and family of Meridian visited April 27 with Mmes. Lydia and Frankie Worden.

Mmes. M. L. Kurtz and Lydia Worden visited April 27 with Mrs. Edna Cowling in Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy were Saturday evening visitors in the Dick Krieh home.

Fenns Have Grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fenn have a new grandson, born Sunday morning, May 2, to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fenn of Maple Valley, Wash. The infant weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and has been named Delbert Wayne.

Mrs. Dan Perkins and children of Fruitland visited Saturday with the Louis and Eugene Pratts.

Pauline Butler, a college student from Monmouth, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Helen Butler. She and Kathy Nelson gave a surprise party last Thursday evening for Duane Munn in the Butler home.

Malheur PTA Unit Installs Officers For Two Years

Malheur County PTA council meeting was held Monday, May 3, with members of the Willowcreek unit as hosts. Herta Rose, president of the Vale chapter, gave a few highlights of the state convention held April 27-29 at Coos Bay. Mrs. Lester Cleaver, Nyssa, retiring vice president of region 8, reported on some of the legislative action taken at the meeting.

Bennie Maag read a resolution, approved by the Willowcreek unit, concerning property tax and regretting school budget failures, therefore suggesting a change so that education might be financed by income tax. There was discussion but no action was taken.

Mrs. John Elfering of Vale, recording secretary for the Oregon PTA Congress, was installing officer of the evening. Installed for a two-year term were Mrs. Alan Jacobs, Ontario, president; Mrs. Lester Cleaver, first vice president; Mrs. Howard Myrick, Nyssa, second vice president; Mrs. Lester Fifer, Vale, third vice president; Mrs. Bennie Beach, Vale, secretary; Mrs. Herta Rose, Vale, treasurer; Bill Spittler of Nyssa, auditor.

A president's pin was presented to Mrs. Jacobs by retiring president, Mrs. James Flanagan, who in turn received her past president's jewel from Mrs. Jacobs.

A lesson in parliamentary procedure was given by Carl Devin and Earl McCullum of Treasure Valley Community college.

Mrs. Bonnie Fullerton was refreshment chairman.

Concert Presentation Slated Friday Night In School Cafeteria

Frank Turner, NHS music director, has announced that the annual spring concert will be staged at 8 o'clock Friday evening, May 7, in the school cafeteria. Musical groups from both the junior high and high school will be participating.

The junior high chorus will sing selections presented last Saturday at the district 3 music festival in Mountain Home. Numbers from Spain and France will be played by the junior high varsity band.

Ballads, spirituals and religious numbers will be featured by the high school chorus. Dance band members will present selections played at the recent stage band festival in Reno.

The high school varsity band is planning a program of popular music with numbers featuring the four dance band drummers. A trumpet quartet will perform and a "hootenanny" of various popular songs will also be included on the program.

The concert will conclude with playing of "Mannin Veem" and the finale will feature Patty Urry at the organ.

The music directors report they anticipate this to be the most successful concert of the year. There is no admission charge and the public is welcome to attend.

TO TEACH IN CALDWELL

Miss Mary Lou Lancaster has accepted a position as music instructor at Washington junior high school in Caldwell. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Lancaster and spent the weekend evening her parents. Other Sunday evening dinner guests in the Lancaster home were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lancaster and Mike.

Music Director Cites Importance Of Community's Birthday Calendar

"The big city does have some advantages, but there's nothing as friendly and comforting as living right where we are," Frank Turner, Nyssa band director, said this week.

"Just about everybody in Nyssa knows that today is the birthday of Maxine Brown, Karla Keck and Douglas Sharp. It is public knowledge that tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Neil Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Forbess will celebrate their wedding anniversaries.

In a community the size of Nyssa, nobody outside the immediate circle of relatives and close friends would know or care about such important dates in the lives of neighbors.

For the past few years the music department of the Nyssa public schools has been helping neighbors know more about neighbors by sponsoring the publication of the Community Birthday Calendar.

The calendar lists the birthdays and anniversaries of more than 2,000 individuals and couples living in the area. A number of merchants from Nyssa have advertisements on the calendar, many of them offering gifts and discounts to citizens on purchases made on the day of birthdays and anniversaries.

The calendars are sold for \$2 per family. The price includes the listing of the birth dates of all family members, recognition of armed service status of any family member and the anniversary date of mom and dad. Organizations and groups may list their meeting dates at 25 cents per listing.

Proceeds from the calendars go to the music department's fund for future activities such as last year's Rose Parade trip.

There are seven birthdays and an anniversary listed for this coming Sunday and once you get into the habit of watching the calendar day by day, you'll find yourself sending that "extra" birthday card or making a surprise phone call to a neighbor to wish him well on his special holiday.

If you are not contacted and

wish to have your birthday and anniversary listed on the Nyssa Community Birthday Calendar, or wish to list the meeting date of your organization or group, call the band room at 372-2988 or any Nyssa band member can be of service to you.

—FRANK TURNER
NHS Band Director

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank our friends for their cards, floral tributes, gifts of food and other kindnesses following the death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Letha Weir. We also express appreciation to Dr. Mann and the staff at Malheur Memorial hospital for their considerate care and kindness during her stay there.

—Charles and Mary Weir
Mr. and Mrs. John Samer
Catherine Samer

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