

Area Legislators Review Measures As Adjournment of Session Nears

By STATE SENATOR ANTHONY YTURRI and REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT F. SMITH

Adjournment of the legislature did not occur as early as anticipated, and perhaps as soon as it should have. However, this will undoubtedly constitute the last weekly report from your legislators in Salem. The following comprise some of the more important measures that have passed or are still awaiting determination.

It appears that the general fund budget for the 1965-67 biennium will be approximately \$482 million, and the revenues available for that period will be in the area of \$490 million. This should provide a surplus of some \$8 million to commence the biennium starting in 1967.

This budget is a huge increase over the adjusted \$358 million for the present biennium. This is the greatest single biennial increase in Oregon's history. On the other hand, the revenues available are likewise highest in our history. This is due to Oregon's booming economy.

Varying Economy Dangerous

There is some danger for the future, however, because an upward or downward dip in our state economy can create a vast variation in the revenues available. Unless our economy continues to increase at the present rate, we could easily find ourselves without adequate funds to accommodate the manner in which we have grown accustomed to live.

The higher education budget has been approved. It amounts to the staggering total of \$203 million. Of this amount, \$29.4 million are for new buildings and land acquisitions. The state will use only \$98 million of general fund money for higher education. It is obvious that private grants and huge federal contributions make up the difference.

Education Expensive Program

It is expensive to finance the Department of Education, whose function it is to supervise our Oregon school system and the community colleges. The legislature has just approved a budget of \$36 million for this purpose. Again all but \$19.8 million comes from federal and other grants. Nevertheless, it is an expensive administrative program.

\$144 million have been appropriated for basic school support. This will provide \$152 per census child during the first year of the biennium and \$160 during the second year.

Cigarette Tax Approved

The House has passed and the Senate Tax committee has approved a four-cent tax per package on cigarettes. The Senate amendments provide that one cent of this will go to the cities, one cent to the counties and the remaining two cents to a property tax relief fund for relief of local property taxes.

This tax, if passed, will produce \$8.8 million per year and should provide a city the size of Ontario about \$7,000 a year. Baker would receive approximately \$12,000, Burns \$3,500, etc. The bill would be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection. Prospects for passage are good.

Inventory Tax Repeal Studied

House Bill 1498, which would repeal the inventory tax (including livestock) over a 10-year period, has been amended in the Senate to provide for elimination up to 50 percent over a five-year period and provides that the general fund will contribute \$1.9 million per year toward replacing

the loss occasioned by phasing out one-half of the inventory tax over five years.

This bill is still in the Ways and Means committee, and the House and Senate are divided upon the question of whether the general fund should take up the slack.

Senate Bill 326 passed the Senate and now reposes in the Ways and Means committee. It provides that the general fund will absorb the burden of the homestead exemptions that are granted to our senior citizens over the age of 65.

State Should Stand Tax Loss

The Senate believes that the problems of the aging are social problems that concern the entire state and that the general fund rather than the local taxing districts should shoulder the tax loss created by these tax exemptions on homes.

One thing is quite certain—\$25 million will be set aside from the general fund to provide direct property tax relief to the local taxing entities. This is the first session in a long, long time that has actively provided direct and true property tax relief to property and home owners.

If the cities, counties and school districts do not become overly extravagant, we should witness a substantial difference in our tax statements next November.

Sales Tax Deferred

It appears quite certain that attempts to repeal the tax exemptions of churches, fraternal organizations and others are doomed for this session. By the same token, the sales tax, which Senator Yturri has suggested, for referral to the people at a time prior to the discovery of some \$35 million additional funds, will not be acted upon.

The fortunate status of state revenues removes the urgency for immediate enactment of such a broad-based tax. Nevertheless, a state which depends entirely upon income tax for its funds can be seriously hurt by even a slight downturn in its economy, and the legislature will eventually be forced to give serious consideration to a greater spreading of tax responsibility among its people.

Controversy Over Constitution

The fight still rages over a proposed new Constitution. The Senate will probably pass out a very conservative version, but at this moment, hopes for ultimate passage are dim, because the difference in ideology between the House and the Senate is too great.

New wings for the State Capitol to house the legislators still have life, but again the House and Senate differ as to the urgent necessity of this project, and the bill will probably fail.

A few more bills, unrelated to the state's economy, are resting quietly in committee and will expire on adjournment. One would make "cock-fighting" a serious criminal offense; another would make it a felony on the second offense for anyone to play poker, roulette, bridge or any other card game for money in any amount; and the last would prohibit any type of coin-in-the-slot machines whether used for pleasure or pay. It has been pleasant reporting

ATTEND CHICAGO MEETING

Wilton Jackson and Gene Patterson of Bend returned home Friday night from Chicago where they attended a National Liquefied Gas association convention. Jackson is a member of the national committee and attended special sessions of the group while there. Senator George Murphy was one of the featured speakers heard during the meeting.

VISITORS FROM EMMETT

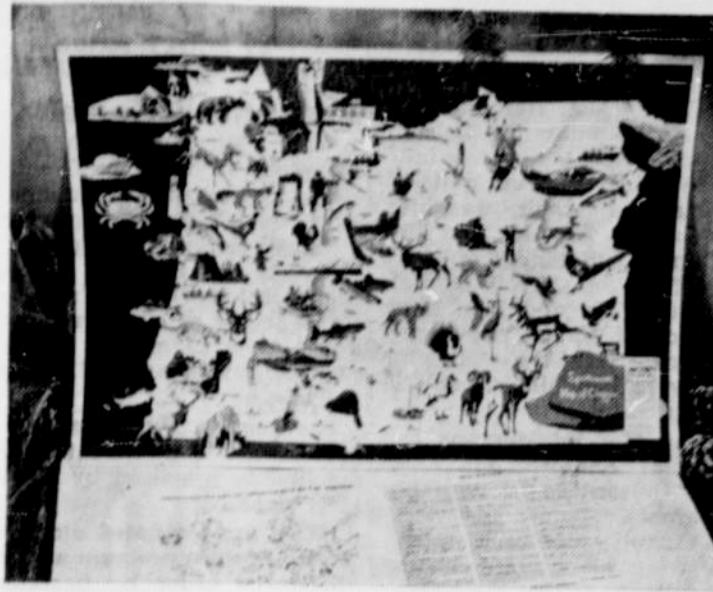
Sunday evening visitors in the Even Chard home were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitman and family of Emmett.

BOISEANS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Coburn, Diana and Curtis of Boise were Sunday visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Malloy. The two families later dined in Ontario in observance of Mothers' day. Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bowns were evening guests in the Malloy residence.

to our constituents, and we hope that our reports have made it possible for you to feel closer to the legislature and to keep abreast of developments in Salem as they have occurred.

Sportsman's Map Lures Tourists



PORTLAND (Special)—Oregon residents will have an opportunity to send this beautiful full color 21 by 30-inch "Sportsman's Map of Oregon" to their friends and relatives in other states according to an announcement made this week by William W. Wessinger, chairman of the board of Blitz-Weinhard Company. The map portrays 42 different game animals, fish, birds and waterfowl found in the state as well as many of Oregon's scenic wonders. An identification key to map is included on reverse side.

Former Residents Honored Sunday On Anniversary

By Mrs. George Moeller
ARCADIA — Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller, Paul Moeller, Mr. and Mrs. John Zittercob attended a 50th wedding anniversary reception Sunday afternoon honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burd near Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Burd are former residents of Arcadia, coming here 28 years ago from Missouri.

Attend Dinner in Boise

Mr. and Mrs. George Hust and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Houston, Bill Hust and Miss Marri Keating of Ontario went to Boise Sunday for a potluck dinner at the home of Marie Rodgers and Mrs. Minnie White. The dinner was in honor of Mothers' day and Mrs. White's 88th birthday anniversary. Mrs. White is Mrs. Hust's grandmother. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rossou and Mrs. Ella Hersey of Mountain Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cindell and family spent the weekend with her parents in Union. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephen-

son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Winchester had Mothers' day dinner in Parma.

Weekend Visitors From Boise

Mr. and Mrs. Art Richardson and family of Boise spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephenson. Monday visitors in the Stephenson residence were Mr. and Mrs. Birch McDonald and Patty McDonald of Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Messler of Nampa visited Wednesday evening with the Stephenson couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jensen and Larry of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. George Boyack and Nancy of Meridian visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard. Together with Mr. and Mrs. Don Bullard and Alan, they attended an open house reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burd on their golden wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Holiday near Ontario.

Visitor From Hermiston

Richard McLaughlin of Hermiston spent the weekend in the John Seburn home.

Mrs. Bob McKinney, Brenda and Tim, Mrs. Bill Stringer, Mark and Matt visited Sunday evening in the George Moeller home.

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