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**FAREWELL ADDRESS
 Of Governor Mark O. Hatfield**

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker,
 Members of the Fifty-Fourth Legislative Assembly:

This is the ninth regular session of the Legislative Assembly in which it has been my privilege to participate during the proceedings of opening day. I congratulate you who have taken your oath of office for the first time and welcome you who are returning for renewed public service.

This is a day in which the spotlight rightfully belongs upon the man who has been chosen to succeed—a man who is no stranger to either the executive or legislative branches of state government nor, I might add, to the homes of our citizens.

As I take leave of the governorship, I have placed in your hands a record of service and several recommendations, in addition to those of a budgetary nature which were given you on December 1. Now, before relinquishing executive leadership, and in accord with the tradition of the day, I would refer briefly to some landmarks of our journey together over these past eight years.

We have seen Oregon's population advance from less than a million and three-quarters to the two-million mark.

We have witnessed a near-doubling of enrollment in our state colleges and universities; the development of a community college system numbering 11 institutions and 18,000 students; and the establishment of a Graduate Research Center.

We have led the nation in percentage of interstate freeways completed; in the establishment of new parks and waysides; in the development of state-wide outdoor recreation programs; and in beautification of our highways.

We have initiated a comprehensive, long-range water study; strengthened our means of combating air and water pollution; intensified oceanographic research; and given impetus to oil and mineral exploration.

We have pioneered welfare reform through improved management, and in programs emphasizing self-reliance; at the same time tightening controls against abuse.

Oregon's greatness has been portrayed not only across our state and nation, but in Europe and Asia. Resultant job development has increased individual per capita income more than 26 per cent. Payroll expansion has totaled 180,000. Plant facilities have increased by 700.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge with deepest appreciation the public service which has been rendered by a record number of appointees who have responded to the call for duty with boards, commissions, task forces, the judiciary, elective public office and the many other functions of state government.

Our progress has been considerable by any standard of comparison, but there is yet work to be done. I have repeatedly asked for removal of tax inequities, and for a modern constitution. These challenges cannot longer be avoided. You should continue the pattern of putting our administrative agencies in a more manageable form. Environmental improvement is a never-ending task, as is the strengthening of consumer protection and the expansion of job opportunities.

Oregon is the greatest state in the Union in the fiber of its people and in its natural environs. This truth is never more apparent than when one is about to depart for areas which struggle with massive problems of slums and deprivation, climatic rigors, racial tensions, transportation nightmares, bureaucratic immensity, and international complexities.

I go from you with deep appreciation for the cooperation of the past and the opportunity for further service at the other end of the continent as a member of your Congressional Delegation.

In transferring the mantle of trust, I ask that we be given wisdom with which to meet our challenges, fortitude to confront the responsibilities we assume, and imagination to capitalize upon the assets of our fair Commonwealth and the abilities of its people. Our role as stewards in God's kingdom is short lived. May it be so performed that those who come after will look upon this land as ever fruitful and upon our labors as ever worthy.

**First Aid Discussed
 By 4-H Health Group**

Hazel's 4-H Health club meeting on Jan. 4 was called to order by Don Ballou, with Sonia Saito reading minutes for the previous session.

Roll call was answered by the students telling if they had ever cooked any food.

Reports given by members of the class were "How to Keep the Food Value," "Pork" and "Good Food Is Safe Food." Tony DeMinck led the group in playing games.

Another meeting was held Jan. 5 with roll call answered by each student reporting on times members of their families had to have first aid and what happened to make treatment necessary.

Healing methods of burns, cuts and scratches; nosebleeds, choking, snake bites; tourniquets and contents of a first aid kit were discussed by various members of the club.

—Shirley Cleaver, Secretary.

Leaves for San Diego

Terry Sells left Boise by jet plane Sunday for San Diego, Calif., for training in the Naval Reserve.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

Third meeting of the Stitches 4-H club was called to order Jan. 9 by Karry Cleaver. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The group received a letter from the Children's Farm home in Corvallis thanking them for Christmas gifts they had sent.

Next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Lester Cleaver home.

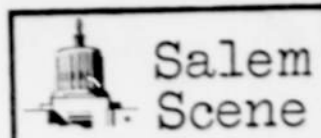
—Shirley Cleaver, Reporter.

IN APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to friends for their many considerations shown us during his illness and following the death of our beloved father and grandfather, Walter Herrman. We extend special "thank-yous" to Father C. M. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Ken Pfaff and the staff of nurses at Malheur Memorial hospital. Your many kindnesses will always be remembered.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kennedy and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Haroldsen and Kristin of Boise spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Haroldsen.



By EVERETT E. CUTLER

Trends in Topsyland

With a burden of public spending which seemingly, like Topsy, has "just grown," Oregon's tax structure has withstood remarkable strain over the years. While dollar amounts in state and local spending have mushroomed, the structure itself remains virtually unchanged over the past decade.

This situation raises serious questions about taxation inequities which grow wider as budgets grow larger, and about keeping public spending more in line with the taxpayers' ability to pay. These questions, in turn, are largely responsible for the current clamor for tax reform with which the 1967 legislature will have to deal.

Examine the 10-year period from 1955 to 1965, a period in which Oregon's state and local expenditures more than doubled. By 1965 we reached an all-time high cost of government, with Oregonians paying \$1.9 billion in total taxes—an amount representing more than one-third of personal income, or about \$1,000 per man, woman and child. Amazingly enough, less than half goes to the federal government.

Property taxes, upon which local tax systems in Oregon are based almost entirely, grew from \$142,969,000 in 1955 to \$278,326,000 in 1965. The increase—after direct property tax relief—is a 94.7 percent climb over a period of only 10 years.

Some two-thirds of this local tax revenue goes to schools, which also get the lion's share of the state's general fund budget. State aid, now a proposed \$200 million per biennium, in effect represents property tax relief, because it provides money which otherwise would have to be raised locally.

Our state levies no property tax. Revenue for Oregon's general fund budget comes mainly from state income taxes, with lesser amounts from corporation income and excise taxes, liquor and insurance taxes, gift and inheritance taxes. This budget has grown 118.5 percent from 1955 to 1965, from \$221,846,000 to about \$484,821,000.

In short, the increase of the cost of combined state and local government, including education but not dedicated funds, has risen 109 percent in 10 short years. In the same time, Oregon population has grown only 14.5 percent. And the taxpayers' personal income is up only 69.1 percent.

Of course, we receive more state and local services, and we enjoy history's highest standard of living. But when the cost of

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**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
 GROUPS PLAN MEETINGS**

A meeting of the "Couple's club" of Faith Lutheran church will be held at 8 o'clock this evening, Jan. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kassman, 605 North Second street.

The Forty-Niners group will meet for a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, in the church basement.

**SUNDAY GOSPEL MEETINGS
 BEING HELD IN NU ACRES**

Nu Acres—Gospel meetings are being held at 3:30 p.m. each Sunday at the Nu Acres Grange hall and will continue through February.

The sessions are being conducted by the Misses Betty Draper and Jacquie Meeks. All area residents are cordially invited to attend.

HABURCHAKS VISIT SON

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Haburchak and daughters spent the New Year's weekend with their son and brother, Victor Haburchak Jr. at Jesuit Novitiate in Sheridan, Ore., where he is studying for the Catholic priesthood.

government grows so much faster than the people's income, reconciliation is inevitable. With a proposed general fund budget now to exceed \$600 million in the coming biennium, it becomes imperative to examine the relationship between governmental spending and personal income.

The last decade has seen important tax reform steps taken, steps in the direction of leveling out more equally among Oregon citizens the cost of government burden. But the 1967 legislature must enact or refer to the people far more sweeping reform measures if we are to prevent ideas such as last year's 1 1/2 percent property tax limitation measure from turning our tax structure topsy-turvy.

Tax reform may come to Oregon in the shape of a sales tax or a more broadly-based income tax. Neither is likely to be popular, but either one or both will prove preferable to cutting state and local services in half or, worse yet, continuing to spend at a rate with which Oregon citizens' income can never catch up.



THESE NYSSA SIXTH GRADERS, Paul Voeller and Shan Moss, took school patrol honors for the month of December. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Voeller and a student in Mrs. Mary Hatt's classroom, was named patrolman of the month.

Shan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Moss. She took honors as patrol captain and is also in Mrs. Hatt's classroom. The students are selected by police department officials and members of the elementary school faculty.—Staff Photo.

**BAPTIST CONGREGATION
 DOES RENOVATION WORK**

A complete renovation project is in progress at Park Avenue Baptist church.

According to Pastor Ralph Tisdal, painting of walls and ceiling in the sanctuary is finished and work is now in progress in the education unit.

Renovation work is being done through volunteer labor by members of the congregation.

Pastor Tisdal said that outdoor work will begin with the arrival of spring weather.

VISITORS FROM McCALL

Recent overnight guests in the Russell Smith home were their son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Pounds of McCall.

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FOSTERS RETURN TO NYSSA

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster recently returned from California after spending three weeks with a daughter, Frances Foster, and a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Foster. Mrs. Curtis Foster drove the elder Foster couple and Frances home from Hollywood, Calif. She is also visiting other relatives while here. Miss Foster is planning to go to a mission field, but a definite date has not been set for her departure. She had been teaching school in North Hollywood while staying with her brother and sister-in-law.

UNDERGOES EYE SURGERY

Wyatt Smith left Tuesday for St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise where he will undergo eye surgery. He plans to remain there for approximately 10 days.

**DRIVERS LICENSE TESTS
 SET JAN. 13 AT CITY HALL**

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at Nyssa city hall Friday, Jan. 13, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to announcement from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

All persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

VISIT FROM LEBANON

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Toomb and sons of Lebanon, Ore., were Christmas holiday guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Garold Ropp and family. Dec. 25 dinner guests in the Ropp home were Mr. and Mrs. John Mullins and the Toomb family.



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