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Yturri-Smith Report Indicates Legislature Provides Choice Of People To Change Tax Base

Although more bills have been introduced at this session, it appears as though the general tempo is somewhat slower at Salem. The number of bills debated daily on the floor is somewhat less than in previous sessions. Also, it is our opinion that more bills of little, if any, real merit have been introduced. All in all, it would seem that the legislators are waiting with patient but eager anticipation for the tax bill that may finally emerge. Once that is decided and the Higher Education and Department of Education budgets are fashioned, members will be scrambling toward adjournment date.

More On Property Tax Relief Legislation

In response to many letters, WE WISH TO REPEAT--"THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT CONTEMPLATING A TAX INCREASE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT THE PEOPLE WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE A SALES OR INCOME TAX INCREASE. THE DECISION WILL BE THEIRS!"

If our correspondence is any indication, Eastern Oregon is divided as to whether or not property tax relief should come by means of an increased income tax, or from a sales tax. We have suggested that a multiple-choice question be submitted to the people. First, by inquiring if they WANT property tax relief, and if so, then, the FORM of taxation they prefer to provide the needed revenue.

The "local option" plan is again under consideration in the Senate. This would permit the separate counties to decide for themselves the extent to which they wanted property tax relief. If a county felt that its tax burden was excessive, then the county would submit to the people the question of increasing the income tax by one percentage point. The State would pay for the first such election in the county. The state would collect the tax and would return it to the county for property tax relief. Corporations would not be involved. There would be no increase in tax for them, but neither would they receive any tax relief. The "property tax relief" would go only to "owner-occupied residences". The County by a similar election would also be able to terminate the increased tax at any time if this "local option" plan were adopted.

Action in Senate Judiciary Committee

Considerable criticism has appeared to the action of the Senate Judiciary Committee which tabled a bill that would require every city to provide legal counsel for indigent defendants charged with the violation of any ordinance or misdemeanor law that has any jail sentence whatever as a sentence. It was felt that cities could not afford to pay for a lawyer for every drunk or traffic-light violator. The United States Supreme Court may ultimately force the cities to this expense, but at least they will have time to prepare their budgets and arrange finances to meet this added expense.

About everything we do in the Legislature is in some way designed to cost the cities, counties and the people more money in one way or another, and it is impossible to stem the tide.

Daylight Saving Time

"Daylight Saving Time" for Oregon is creating quite a problem, particularly for Malheur County. This county will either have to adjust its time to conform with Idaho or Oregon. In one case, it would continue to be one hour ahead of the rest of Oregon and the same as Idaho. In the other, it would be equal with the rest of our state and one hour behind Idaho. Representative Smith was successful in returning the Daylight Saving Time bill to committee this week to allow opportunity to learn the wishes of the people of Malheur County.

Other News

The \$1.25 per hour minimum wage law has passed the House and is in the Senate for action. It is expected to pass.

Since nearly one-half of the appeals to the Supreme Court are criminal cases, the Senate is considering a bill to create a new Criminal Appeals Court. The federal Supreme Court decisions have caused a great increase in criminal appeals, and as a result, the Oregon Supreme Court judges are writing more than twice as many decisions as they have in the past. There is a good chance for the passage of this bill.

The bill requiring motor vehicles to be inspected by the

If You Hamper Fire Fighting Expect to Pay

Strict enforcement of the law pertaining to hampering fire fighting will be adhered to in the future in Nyssa, according to Police Chief Alvin Allen. He said it really began during the weekend when three citations were issued to offenders who interfered with the efforts of firemen to quench a blaze of a truck at KS and D ranch north of Nyssa.

Tickets were issued to a 17 year old juvenile (name not permitted under ruling of juvenile court of county), Mario Mosqueda, Nyssa, both charged with pursuing a fire truck, and Danny Olivera charged with reckless driving.

Allen said the state law governed the situations and gave the brief instructions governing situations as follows: "No driver of any vehicle, other than one on official business, shall follow closer than 500 feet of any fire apparatus traveling in response of a fire alarm; or drive into, or park, such vehicle within two (2) blocks of a point where the fire fighting apparatus has stopped in answer to the alarm; or within three (3) blocks of a point where the fire is in progress.

The Chief also reminded drivers that the local police would operate a radar system within the city limits during the summer months to help curb traffic problems. Speed limits in the residential areas of Nyssa are 25 miles per hour unless otherwise designated.

Budget Hearing Set April 18

A school budget hearing is scheduled at the Nyssa High school by the board on Tuesday, April 18, at 8 P.M. for the purpose of discussing expenditures for the coming term beginning July 1, 1968. While no election is anticipated due to the board adopting figures within the six percent limitation anyone interested in the manner in which the income is to be spent may be heard at this open meeting.

State for defects at least once a year, about which we spoke in our letter a couple of weeks ago, seems to be on the brink of defeat. However, there is a good chance that the bill requiring drivers to be physically examined once each four years before renewal of their driver's license, may pass.

The "Teachers Tenure" law, long a matter of contention in the Legislature, again faces serious opposition. At present, the law only applies to districts with more than 4,500 students. The proposed law would extend it to all districts. This would require teachers to receive three-year contracts after having served a three-year probationary period. The small school district boards believe that this would rob them of the control they now have in granting only one-year contracts, thereby scrutinizing a teacher's record from year to year. The bill has been sent to Committee in the House for further study.

Lastly -- a bill has come to the Senate from the House which would extend civil rights protection to every employer instead of to those having six or more employees, as is now the case. This would apply to all employees, with a penalty of up to \$500 for discrimination between applicants for jobs on the basis of color, race or religion. Senator Anthony Yturri Representative Robert Smith Salem, Oregon



These Nyssa teachers will appear on a panel this evening to discuss the 'continuous growth' program used in the primary department at the PTA meeting scheduled at 8 o'clock this evening in the school cafeteria. They are (l to r) Tavia Hendricks, Mrs. Poor, Betty Off, Lucile Cary and Beverly Aldrich. Other members of the panel will be Sup. Walter McParland and Josephine Rigney. They were not on hand when this picture was taken late Monday afternoon.

Primary Work To be Discussed At PTA Meet

Parents of children, who will be starting to school next September, are cordially invited to the Nyssa PTA meeting to be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the school cafeteria. The program has been especially planned to describe and explain the "Continuous Growth" program used in the primary department. This ungraded plan replaces the previously used first, second and third grade idea for describing a child's progress in school. A panel of school personnel will welcome questions and informal discussions from all parents.

Visitations Planned

On the following Thursday, April 20, parents and children are invited to visit a classroom in the primary school building from 1:45 to 3:00 P.M.

Children will be invited to participate in various activities. After school is dismissed refreshments will be served in the multi-purpose room so that parents will have an opportunity to visit with the teachers and to discuss questions of mutual interest.

Principal Clarice Poor, members of the faculty and PTA officials urge parents to make an effort to attend these meetings. Mrs. Poor states that the "pre-school visitation day" will be the best opportunity for the small children to visit school.

Reservoir Water Users Okay; Other Supply Seen as Fair

Farmers, ranchers and other water users of Malheur County can expect average water supplies this spring and summer, according to a report released Monday by A. J. Webber, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and prepared by W. T. Frost, State Snow Survey Supervisor, representing cooperating federal, state and private agencies. Although flow of major streams is forecast between 72 and 89 percent of average the stored water supplies now on hand will again supply the day for many water users. Some irrigators, dependent on natural flow of streams heading in low-elevation watersheds, will have only fair water supplies.

Mountain snowpacks failed to increase during March except at a few scattered high elevations. Water content of the snow is about 82 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) as of April first. A year ago the snowpack held about 20 percent less water than this year. Snowmelt runoff will be favored by wetter than usual soils in the upper watersheds under the snowpack. Soil moisture in the Malheur is now about 80 percent of capacity and in the Owyhee watershed it is about 87 percent.

Reservoir water supplies on Lake Owyhee are 422,600 acre feet on April first compared

with 648,000 acre feet a year ago. Carryover water supplies for 1968 are likely to be small this season.

Antelope Reservoir, serving the Jordan Valley Irrigation District, now holds 25,700 acre feet compared with 16,500 acre feet a year ago. The 1967 season should be improved over last year's operations.

Total storage in Warm-springs, Agency Valley and Bully Creek reservoirs was 155,500 acre feet on April first compared with 227,200 acre feet a year ago. Coupled with streamflow still to come, this stored water will provide a sufficient supply for the Vale-Oregon and Warm-springs Irrigation Districts.

Flow of Malheur River near Drewsey is forecast at 65,000 acre feet or 81 percent of the 15-year average, April through July. The North Fork at Beulah is forecast at 51,000 a.f. or 87 percent average for the same four months period. Flow of Bully Creek is expected to be only fair.

Inflow to Lake Owyhee is forecast at 210,000 acre feet or 58 percent average for the period April through July. Jordan Creek, in the upper Owyhee, is forecast at 71,000 acre feet or 72 percent for the same four months.

These forecasts assume near average conditions of precipitation and temperature will prevail during the forecast period. Statewide, farmers, ranchers and other water users in the south half of the State will have near average water supplies this summer, while the north half will have mostly below average water conditions. Stored water supplies are satisfactory in most cases and soil moisture is excellent.

The next report on water supply conditions in Oregon will be issued on or about May 9, 1967.

Civil Defense Meet Scheduled

A Civil Defense Emergency Preparedness Conference, under sponsorship of the Malheur County Civil Defense Agency, will be held in the Weese Memorial building, Treasure Valley Community college, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 20.

Robert Ingram, Malheur County Sheriff and Civil Defense Director, reports that the conference is designed to provide assistance and guidance for community action in times of disaster.

Prepared by the Division of Continuing Education, Oregon State System of Higher Education, the conference will provide background information on current Civil Defense activities, shelter planning, and discussion on subjects such as increased readiness, emergency operations, military support and public information.

The afternoon program will feature a seminar-type exercise with emphasis pertaining to the county U.S. Department of Agriculture Defense Board, this part of the program under sponsorship and direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Invitations have been mailed to several Malheur County men and women. Sheriff Ingram urged quick response to the invitations so that planning for the conference could continue.

The conference will be held in Room W-20 at the Weese Building. Noon luncheon will be served on the campus. (Ed's note: After this release it was learned Sheriff Ingram had resigned as chairman, saying it required too much time away from his law enforcement duties. Lloyd Castner, Ontario has been appointed to serve the balance of the term.)

KERBYS ATTEND SESSION

Dr. and Mrs. K. E. Kerby traveled to Portland last week-end when the doctor attended a meeting of the Oregon Physicians Service.

NHS Senior is Candidate For Enrollment in NROTC



JIM ABLEMAN

Jim Ableman, a NHS senior, was recently informed by the Chief of Naval personnel that he was chosen by the state selection committee as a principal candidate for enrollment in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, with the term beginning next fall.

His name has been submitted to the college he has chosen for pursuing his high education, Jim's appointment comes as a result of his having taken a rigorous battery of aptitude tests, plus interviews, to determine leadership potential.

Charles Quinowski, guidance director at Nyssa high school, describes the NROTC program as having one main purpose, to educate and train well qualified young men for careers as commissioned officers in the regular Navy and Marine corps. He states that his and the Naval Academy are the Navy's two most highly competitive officer candidate programs.

It is pointed out that students engaged in regular NROTC programs lead approximately the same lives as other students. They make their own arrangements for board and lodging, undertake normal studies leading to a bachelor's degree and may pursue any extra-curricular activities that do not interfere with their Naval science requirements.

During the period of college training the Navy pays tuition, costs of books, other fees of instructional nature and subsistence allowance of \$50.00 per month.

Upon satisfactory completion of Naval science and bachelor's degree requirements, a midshipman although on reserve status in college, is commissioned as a regular officer in the Navy.

The guidance counselor states that officer training programs of this nature, in all branches of military services, offer qualified high school graduates a unique opportunity to meet their military obligation and to progress toward vocational goals. Ableman has attained a great distinction in gaining this appointment.

The Nyssa high school student body president has also gained numerous other honors during his high school career. He was one of two students chosen to represent Ontario Elks lodge No. 1690 in a scholarship district contest held recently in Madras.

In addition to his responsibilities as student body president, Jim has been quite active in numerous school activities. He served as freshman class president, treasurer and vice president for the student body and sports editor for the school paper. He also participated in football, baseball, wrestling, and track, as well as being actively involved in Theatians.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ableman of Nyssa. He plans to pursue a course in engineering, however his choice of college is not certain at this time. Under consideration are Cornell university at Ithica, New York; and Oregon State university at Corvallis.



With German instructor Gary Sant, these NHS students attended a foreign language field day held April 8 on the EOC campus in La Grande. They are (l to r) Pam Saito, Luba Sutckoev, Betsy Stunz, George Heider and Marcia Jackson. The local participants captured four of six possible awards and one was named honorable mention.

NHS German Students Earn Honors at La Grande Meet

Nyssa German students captured four of six possible awards plus one honorable mention at a foreign language field day in La Grande.

In German level I, George Heider took first-place and Pam Saito gained third-place honors. Betsy Stunz was awarded honorable mention. In German level II, Luba Sutckoev and Marcia Jackson placed second and third, respectively.

Nineteen Nyssa high school students from German I and II classes participated in the April Eastern Oregon competition. The group was accompanied by NHS German instructor Gary Sant.

The local students registered at 9:15 a.m. and met with 300 students from other eastern Oregon high schools. Languages represented were French, German, Latin and Spanish. Students were tested on their respective language levels to compete for prizes and placement honors.

In the afternoon all participants met at the Eastern Oregon College auditorium for native music, songs, entertainment and announcement of winners in each division.

Sant stated that the field day was well organized and gave the students an opportunity to compare their proficiency with those from other schools.

Nyssa City Council Accepts Offer of Two Free City Lots; Defers Action on Dog Control

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night the Nyssa City Council: (1) Voted to accept the offer of two free city lots in the down-town section; deferred any action on a dog control license, and voted to purchase a used dump truck.

The lots are in the 100 block of South First street, on the North side where the fire a few months ago leveled the brick structures. They were owned by Zigmund Biokoski and were offered without any strings attached. The only expense to be incurred by the city is for filling in the basement hole, as Mr. Biokoski had previously cleared away the debris.

The dog control matter was discussed at length before the conclusion that the present manner was reasonably effective. They noted that since the first of January off-duty police had destroyed over 200 dogs. They further stated there was a nuisance ordinance on the books that would care for most cases if the injured person would sign a complaint.

The dump truck purchased was a 1954 Ford, five yard capacity; with hoist, and fully operational. It had been traded to Wilson Buick company by the Nyssa Road district. Purchase price was \$2500.00.

City manager Fred Koch reported that delinquent payments due on Bancraft bonds of street improvement district number 6 and Sewer Improvement district number 3 had been coming in real well after notice of legal action had been mailed out to property owners. Others have



NYSSA SIXTH GRADERS Patsy Wilson (on left) and Rosa Brito took school patrol honors for the month of March. Patsy, daughter of Dorothy Wilson and a student in Mrs. Hazel Lane's classroom, was named patrol captain of the month. Rosa's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brito. She took honors as patrolman and is in Mrs. Dorothy Wilson's room. The students are selected each month by police department officials and members of the elementary school faculty.--Staff Photo.

Nyssa Couple Buys Vale Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. Norvelle Robbins, Route 2, Nyssa, purchased the Starlite Cafe in Vale the early part of this month. They will continue living on their farm southwest of Nyssa with Mr. Robbins operating the cafe full time, as he has rented the farm. Mrs. Robbins will continue caring for children in the home and not engage in the new business.

Former owners, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Duncan have made no immediate plans other than to rest and fish.

SOLDIER IMPROVES

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Zink of Nyssa were notified Friday that their son, Army Specialist William F. Zink was normally improving, is off the very critically ill list and is now on the seriously ill list.

The Journal carried a picture and story in last week's issue.

Dancing Display April 21

The eighteenth annual dancing display by pupils of Betty Madge Wilson's School of Dancing, will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday, April 21 in the Nyssa school cafeteria.

The revue is sponsored by Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary, and proceeds are used to purchase needed equipment and items for the hospital. Tickets are now on sale by the dancing pupils and women of the auxiliary.

Weekend guests in the Dr. John Olsen home were their son-in-law and daughter, Tom and Mary K. Flaschner of Portland.