

State Revenue Down Budget Woes Rising

If President Johnson's proposed 10 percent surcharge on federal taxes goes through Congress as anticipated, Oregon stands to lose some \$6.5 million in state tax revenue in the next two years.

This gloomy prediction, recently voiced by Oregon's House Speaker F. F. (Monte) Montgomery (R-Eugene), compounds problems of a state treasury already revising downward its anticipated revenue estimates by about \$30 million. (Main reason for the depressing effect of any federal tax hike is Oregon's allowing of state income taxpayers to deduct federal taxes they pay from state-taxable income--the more money that goes to Uncle Sam, the less is subject to Oregon taxation.)

A couple of weeks ago Lee Quiring, director of Oregon's Department of Finance, elaborated on state economic and tax revenue difficulties before the Legislative Fiscal Committee, a permanent interim body. Personal income tax collections for the 1965-67 biennium totaled only \$300.7 million, he reported, significantly below the \$316 million anticipated by former Gov. Mark Hatfield and the \$313 million figured in Gov. Tom McCall's proposed budget. Actual 1965-67 collections of corporate income and excise taxes amounted to \$63.3 million, down \$2.3 million from planned revenue.

These lags resulted in an ending general fund balance for the biennium of \$21.7 million, Quiring reported--a figure well below the predicted \$32 million or the \$39 million balance with which the 1965-67 period began.

Aside from these beginning balances, Quiring said, general fund revenues now are expected to show biennial growth in a range of \$35 million to \$65 million. This would anticipate an increase from \$476 million in 1965-67 general fund receipts from all sources, up to a range for the next biennium of \$511 million to \$541 million. General fund appropriations, however, total \$588 million for 1967-69, reflecting an increase of about 19 percent over 1965-67 expenditures--and threatening a deficit of from \$25 million to \$55 million for the next two years. Because deficit financing is Constitutionally prohibited, lawmakers either would have to raise taxes or cut appropriations.

These figures do not include the money to be lost if adjustments are not made to accommodate the effects of a federal tax increase. They do, however, reflect consideration of federal deficit spending and other factors affecting Oregon's economy, such as current reverses and resulting employment weaknesses in contract construction and wood products industries.

At the same time, state economic and political leaders are faced with intensified public demands for property tax relief. Although legislators could not agree on a relief plan and are going into special session on Oct. 30 for another try, it is obvious that significant cuts cannot be made without cutting local services or pouring money into local government from the state level. The first seems highly unlikely; the second would necessitate finding some new revenue source such as a sales tax or income tax increase.

Speaker Montgomery wants the special legislative session to seriously consider repealing Oregon's federal income tax deduction. If rates are not re-

vised downward, this would fatten the general fund by about \$43 million per year, according to State Tax Commission estimates. Such an amount should, as Rep. Montgomery says, go far toward solving Oregon's revenue problems.

But that figure does not approach the more than \$100 million which would be needed if local government were to operate under a 1 or 1 1/2 percent property tax limitation. And, any move to repeal the federal deduction still would be subject to referendum by Oregon voters, although objections may now be tempered by the prospect of an additional loss of state funds through a new federal surtax.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court
Of the State of Oregon
For the County of Malheur
In the Matter of the Estate of
BENJAMIN F. CALVERT,
also known as Ben Calvert,
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the estate of Benjamin F. Calvert, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County, and has duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the law offices of Henigson & Stunz, Nyssa, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Leona Agnes Scott
Executrix of the Estate of
Benjamin F. Calvert
Deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix with will annexed of the estate of Grover Lee Willis, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at the office of Max S. Taggart, 71 SW Third Avenue, Ontario, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
Dated August 3, 1967.

JEWELL I. WILLIS
Administratrix With
Will Annexed
Max S. Taggart
Attorney for Administratrix
71 SW Third Avenue
Ontario, Oregon

Visit Huffmans

Recent visitors in the Jim Huffman home were their granddaughters, Barbara and Belinda Huffman of Redding, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierson of San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Pierson is a sister of Mrs. Huffman. The Huffman children plan to remain with their grandparents for several more days.

BIRTHS

Aug. 10, — To Mr. and Mrs. James Danford of Boise, an 8-pound, 8-ounce girl, Karie Ann.
Aug. 11, — To Mr. and Mrs. James Warren of Nyssa, a 7-pound, 1-ounce boy, Robert Paul.

Aug. 14, — To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor of Heppner, a 5-pound, 6-ounce girl, Tara Louise.

Aug. 14, — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gallegos of Nyssa, an 8-pound, 15-ounce boy, Paul Anthony III.

Aug. 14, — To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Martinez of Nyssa, a 7-pound, 13-ounce boy, Omar Zhivago.

Visits Nyssans

Miss Jean McPhaden, a student at Whitman college in Walla Walla, Wash., is spending the last six weeks of her summer vacation visiting fellow students, Judy Nedry and Lynda Cundall in Nyssa. Her home is in San Paulo, Brazil.

Miss McPhaden spent two weeks with the Cundall family, and is now at the Nedry home while she and Judy are working at the J. C. Watson potato sheds.

Calendar of Events

Friday, August 18, 8 p.m. — Treasure Valley Rock and Gem club meeting in Nyssa Christian church.

Tuesday, August 22 — Nyssa high school registration.

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Thursday, August 24 — Nyssa high school registration.

Friday, August 25 — Senior Citizens to attend Pioneer picnic at Vale.

D. Nedry Returns

Dirick Nedry returned home Sunday after two weeks of training duty aboard the USS HECTOR, a Navy repair ship. He is a Chief Warrant Officer in the U. S. Naval Reserve. The HECTOR sailed from Long Beach to Seattle and spent four days, along with ten other Navy ships, representing the Navy at SEAFAR. The ship engaged with exercises with others, including underway refueling and they returned to San Diego.



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SUN VALLEY MUSIC CAMP STUDENTS and faculty members this season include (l to r) Mrs. Gaylen Hatton of Sacramento,

Calif.; Deanne and Cheryl Koch of Boise; and Lissa Nishitani of Nyssa. —Sun Valley News Bureau Photo.

Firemen Answer Call Voellers Return

Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 p.m., the Nyssa Volunteer fire department put out a fire in a hot box of a Union Pacific box car.

Daughter Arrives

A daughter, Rhonda Renee was born Saturday, August 12, 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dean Seward. She weighed in at eight-pounds, 14 1/2-ounces and arrived at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

The infant's grandparents are Mrs. Alice Neiger of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Seward of Nampa.

Visit Brammers

Mr. and Mrs. Buell Crawford of Springfield, Mo., visited last Thursday with the Ted Brammers. The men are boyhood friends and schoolmates. The Crawfords were on a tour of the Northwest states and Canada.

OSU Receives Gifts, Grants

A total of \$13,261,348.39 was received in gifts and grants by Oregon State university this past fiscal year, according to President James H. Jensen. Of the total, \$11,743,705.15 came from federal agencies and the remaining \$1,517,643.24 from other sources, mainly individuals and businesses.

This year's gifts and grants total \$488,068 more than the \$12,773,280 received a year ago.

Compared to two years ago, gifts and grants are up more than 65 per cent from the \$8,-

038,507 received then. Research accounted for the largest portion of the gifts and grants with a total of \$7,249,952.81. Of this, \$6,265,861.42 was from the federal government.

Amounts received in other categories were as follows:

Institutes, \$2,813,263.80; construction, \$1,037,245; overseas training, \$4,070; college work-study type programs, \$596,589; scholarships, \$580,281.43; loan funds, \$612,784.53; books, supplies and equipment, \$181,353.98; advancement of teach., \$115,099; unrestricted, \$22,800; Miscellaneous, \$12,577.79; and TV instruction, \$35,371.

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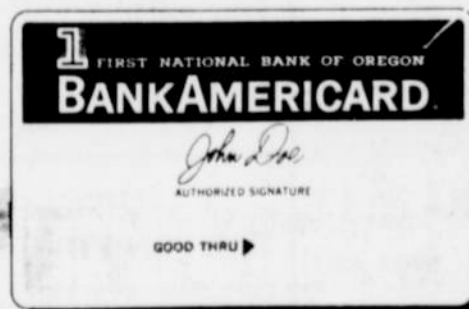
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