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Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutter

SPECIAL SESSION OVER. TAX DILEMMA REMAINS

As predicted by many participants and observers here, the special legislative session adjourned last week, not with a bang, but with a whimper.

Solons did accomplish their budget-balancing mission, cutting earlier appropriations and transferring \$15 million in veterans loan fund earnings to the sagging general fund. But efforts to revise school financing and to offer voters a sales tax or income tax change to relieve property taxes, again were frustrated at every turn.

In the record-length special session, the House did approve a 3 per cent sales tax referral measure, similar to the program requested by Governor Tom McCall. This was done on the grounds that voters ought to decide whether they want a taxation shift in order to alleviate property taxes, and proponents were quick to point out that Oregonians have not voted on a sales tax for 20 years. With a strong feeling that the full Senate would not agree on the sales tax approach, the Senate Taxation Committee put together a "multiple choice" tax reform package to send to the Senate floor. It passed, but failed to gain House approval.

Such disagreement is reminiscent of regular session difficulties, when a sales tax package, net receipts plan and "multiple choice" plan all were passed by the House. All plans passed by one house or the other would have cut local taxes through substituting a new source of state revenue; that money would relieve local tax needs by going into basic school support.

In the special session's final hours, no compromise could be reached and frustrated lawmakers went home without passing any tax measure. Some feel that voters would defeat any sales tax or income tax increase anyway, but others are deeply disturbed that the special session accomplished only half of its intended mission.

Leadership in both the Senate

and House, for example, feel that the door has been opened for possible severe restrictions on schools and local government through a 1 1/2 per cent property tax limitation.

"I think the limitation initiative will be on next November's ballot," says Senate President E. D. ("Debbs") Potts, D-Grants Pass. "People are interested in property tax relief—even though they are sometimes not properly advised of what property taxes are, and hold the state responsible instead of local government." House Speaker F. F. ("Monte") Montgomery, R-Eugene, says Oregonians may have the opportunity to vote on such a limitation, and "will certainly look with favor upon it, especially in view of the fact that they will have just received property tax statements showing tremendous increases."

He says he views the special session not as an end, but as a beginning on the long road to November of 1968. All legislators, says Speaker Montgomery, should now unite to fight a property tax limitation which would "strangle and eventually destroy local government and local control as we know it today."

Unfortunately, the effects of cuts in local taxes through such a limit, without other revenue replacements would not be felt until schools open in the fall of 1969. Again, many lawmakers feel, public sentiment

Nyssa Church Revivals Begin This Evening

Revival services will be held Nov. 30 through Dec. 10 at the Bible Missionary church at North Second street and Beech avenue in Nyssa.

Pastor Ralph D. Mullins will introduce Evangelist Glenn Patterson, minister of the Bible Missionary church in Houston, Texas. The Rev. Patterson has had many years experience in revival work. He was pastor for five years at the church in Duncan, Okla., where Ralph Mullins became acquainted with him and his work.

Pastor Mullins and his wife will be in charge of special music. Services will be 8 p.m. each evening. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. with worship service at 11 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

MILDRED LIMING TO SPEAK SUNDAY AT LOCAL CHURCH

Mrs. Emery (Mildred) Liming, of Boise, will be guest speaker for Women's Day Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Nyssa Christian Church. The Limings were members of the local Church before moving to Boise several years ago. They are now members of Boise First Christian Church.

The first Sunday of December is observed throughout the brotherhood of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as Women's Day. On this day, the women stress the Missionary work which they have had a part in building over the years. It is also a time when women of the Church take charge of the morning worship service. A number of the women of the local congregation will also be participating in the service. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear Mrs. Liming's message.

The modern parent has to spare the rod - so Junior can ride in it.

will not back them up in tax reform considerations in 1969's regular session because the pinch will not yet be felt.

Perhaps the pinch is the ultimate answer to Oregon tax reform. Perhaps unity among legislators and among the people will come only when services are so curtailed that a new tax source or shift in emphasis becomes imperative to public welfare.

Right now there is widespread feeling that Oregonians are confused and unhappy with other money matters—the proposed federal income tax 10 per cent surcharge, social security tax increases and rumors of the dollar's devaluation. To this degree, perhaps the stymied legislature did reflect the will of the people.

"In the Senate especially," says Sen. Potts, "I think we represent the views of the people we represent. Probably the people would vote the same way."

Rep. Montgomery agrees that legislators would heed their constituents, but emphasizes that they should lead when the people are not well advised. To back up his opinion, he led the House to seek a popular vote on the sales tax.

Now, none of the House-passed or Senate-passed property tax relief measures will be on the ballot. Instead will probably appear one or more initiative plans for cutting local taxes. Whatever way that vote goes, the people will have had the last word—and, with the strong possibility they will send some new faces to Salem, they will look to the legislature for continuing leadership.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Members of the congregation of Owyhee Community church held their annual young peoples' Thanksgiving banquet on the evening of Nov. 15, with approximately 70 in attendance. Earnie Lewis was soloist, and guest speaker was Gene Lewin of Donnelly Idaho. The later is with the ASSU.

Christian Women Of Valley To Hear Hungarian Refugee

Joe Varadi of Portland, will be guest speaker Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the monthly luncheon-meeting of the Treasure Valley Christian Women's club. Varadi, a Hungarian refugee at the age of 19 years, was tried and sentenced to life imprisonment for trying to distribute anti-government propaganda.

He narrowly escaped death because he was 17 days too young to be executed. Five years and eight months later, he was able to escape during the Hungarian revolt in October 1956.

An interesting program on liquid embroidery will be presented by Kay Scott of Home-dale. The demonstration will feature Christmas ideas.

The 1 p.m. luncheon will be served at the new LaPaloma cafe in Ontario, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Reservations may be secured by dialing 889-8276.

GOD'S ACRE SALE PLANNED DEC. 9 AT ADRIAN CHURCH

Saturday, Dec. 9 is date set for "God's Acre Sale," major fund-raising project sponsored annually by Kingman Memorial Community church at Adrian. Serving of a fried - chicken dinner will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the auction will begin at 1 o'clock. There will also be bazaar items on sale.

Donating their time and auctioneering talents will be Cois. Guy Sparks and Roger Baker.

Turkeys and hams will be given away again this year. Only one win per family will be allowed, and winners must be present when their names are called.

Area residents having items to donate for the auction are asked to call R. D. McKinley or Carl Lee Hill, co-chairman for the sale.

AAUW GROUP HEARS TVCC CO-ORDINATOR

Harry Hoch, adult education co-ordinator at Treasure Valley Community College, told members of the Ontario branch of American Association of University Women that preliminary work has been done to provide upper division classes through TVCC. These classes would be offered through Oregon's Continuing Education division.

A meeting was held with personnel from Eastern Oregon College, LaGrande to work out the program. Hoch told the group that it is his hope to someday have classes for graduate credits offered through TVCC under this program.

Asked if this means that TVCC would become a four-year school, Hoch answered "there are no long-range plans that would lead to this. TVCC can offer only classes which lead to a two-year associate degree." These classes for upper division credits would be taught by personnel from other campuses and would carry credit.

Harold Saunders Ordained As LDS Stake Patriarch

At the 72nd quarterly stake conference held in Nyssa Nov. 24-26, Harold Saunders of Vale was ordained Nyssa Stake Patriarch.

Saunders was born at Ogden, Utah Nov. 23, 1912. He moved to Vale in 1946, where he has been in the dairy and farming business. His wife Doris Marie Ellison is also from Ogden, and they have 8 children.

The new church official has served as Nyssa stake MIA Superintendent, stake high councilman and has been a long-time morning seminary teacher for over 10 years. He also served as bishop of the Vale LDS ward from 1951 to 1956.

TEENAGE HAYRIDE

Approximately 25 teenagers, from 12 to 15, went on a hayride Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snyder.

The boys are members of a basketball club, sponsored by the Migrant Ministry, and invited the girls to go on the trip to the wild game refuge at old Fort Boise on the Snake river.

Roasted hot dogs, buns, marshmallows and crisp apples were part of the menu.

Hoch outlined, to the group, the five functions of a community college by law, pointing out some of the problems in each of the areas. According to the speaker, one of the functions is to provide a lower division transfer program. Instructors in this program must have a master's degree in their subject-matter field.

Other functions of the college include a vocational-technical, continuing education, community services, guidance and counseling programs. Hoch told the women that the counseling and community services programs, and to some extent, the continuing education program were unfunded. The school meets the community services criterion by providing buildings for community use.

The TVCC co-ordinator outlined several adult, or continuing education courses, being offered and told the group of plans to hold a winter-term investment course to be taught by an investment counseling firm from Boise. He also mentioned a family finance course scheduled for winter term.

The area AAUW group held its November 13 meeting at the Community Methodist church in Ontario. Mrs. Joe Komoto presided in the absence of President Mrs. Steve Besse.

Next meeting will be Dec. 11, at the home of Mrs. John Hutchings in Ontario. Members will exchange Christmas ideas and hold a cookie exchange. Helen Dwell, Sally Meeuwssen and Zedean Ayer are in charge of the program.

CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of the Hula Hoop contest Saturday, November 25, were Toni Armstrong, Betty Jo Wenke, Sherri Toombs and Susan Toombs.

It was sponsored by Nyssa Variety store and the first two listed have had their names sent to headquarters for the National contest. The latter two received prizes from the local sponsor.

Emblem Club Women Plan Yule Events

Ontario Emblem Club women met Nov. 13 for their regular business session at the Elks temple.

Initiation rites were held for three new members, Alice Heines, Angela Birrell and Alice Booth.

The Charter was draped by Past President Wilma Anderson, in memory of Irene Cockrum and Past President Marie Taylor. Special tributes were given, by Past Presidents Inez Wilson and Virginia Hoyle, in a beautiful candle light service.

President Evelyn Shaw reported on the supreme convention she attended in Miami, Fla. The Portland drill team won first place in the contest and Virginia Hoyle was

appointed Supreme District Deputy of District No. 2.

Committee chairmen reported on preparing and serving of the food for the Elks Father-Daughter banquet, held Nov. 15 at the lodge hall.

The Christmas Party will be Dec. 16 this year, and it was decided it will be only for Emblem club members and their children.

Jan. 22 was set as date of the Mother-Daughter no-host banquet to be held at the hall. Plans for the Elks-Emblem float for the Winter Wonderland parade were discussed. Jean Kravetz is in charge of construction and anyone wishing to help should contact her.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by Mary Danielson and Dorraine Keele. Chinese auction item was brought by Leo Sears, with Blanche Rowe as winner.

NHS CALENDAR

TODAY - All day Seniors register for Jan. 13 Scholastic Aptitude Test.

DEC. 1 - 8 a.m. High school guidance committee meeting.

DEC. 1 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Jr. high dance in multipurpose room.

DEC. 1 - 8 p.m. Basket ball, Middleton here.

DEC. 2 - 8 a.m. Scholastic Aptitude Test, Ontario High school.

DEC. 2 - 9:30 a.m. Nyssa Invitational wrestling tournament.

DEC. 2 - 9:30 a.m. Nyssa drill team and band leave for Ontario Christmas parade.

DEC. 4 - 7 p.m. G.A.A. meeting.

DEC. 4 - 8 p.m. F.F.A. meeting.

DEC. 5 - 9 a.m. - Senior boys meet with ROTC professor of military science.

DEC. 5 - 7 p.m. - Wrestling at Parma.

DEC. 5 - 8 p.m. - Varsity basketball at Middleton.

DEC. 5-6 - all day Eastern Oregon college guidance meeting at La Grande.

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NOV. 23 - To Mr. and Mrs. Garold Ropp of Nyssa, a seven-pound, one-ounce boy John James.

NOV. 25 - To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conway of Ontario, a seven-pound, four-ounce girl, Lynn Dixie.

NOV. 25 - To Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fulgham of Boise, a seven-pound, ten-ounce girl, Tammy Lynn.

NOV. 26 - To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Creson of Vale, an eight-pound, 12 ounce boy, Raymond James.

TODAY through Dec. 10 - 8 p.m. - Revival meetings at Bible Missionary church.

DEC. 1 - 1 P.M. - American Legion Auxiliary district meeting at Brownie's cafe.

DEC. 1 - 2 P.M. - Rebekah Sunshine club Christmas party at home of Mrs. Clarence Wernick.

DEC. 2 - 2 to 7 P.M. - ANK garden club holiday display in Methodist church basement.

DEC. 2 - 7 to 9 P.M. - Swiss steak dinner at Eagles hall, followed by dancing.

DEC. 2 - 8 P.M. - Pinochle party at IOOF hall.

DEC. 3 - 12 noon to 5 P.M. - ANK Garden club floral display at Methodist church.

DEC. 3 - 2 P.M. - Job's Daughters mystery fathers' dinner at Masonic hall.

DEC. 4 - 2 P.M. Legion auxiliary women meet at hall to prepare cookies for hospital patients.

DEC. 5 - 11:45 A.M. Potluck luncheon, St. Bridget's Altar society at parish hall.

DEC. 5 - 7:30 P.M. Treasure Valley CBWP council meeting in banquet room of LaPaloma cafe, Ontario.

DEC. 6 - 1 P.M. - Treasure Valley Christian Women's club luncheon at LaPaloma cafe in Ontario.

DEC. 7 - 7 P.M. - Potluck dinner and Christmas party at American Legion hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN PLAN LUNCHEON

Members of St. Bridget's Altar society will hold their regular monthly meeting Dec. 5, with a 11:45 a.m. potluck luncheon in the parish hall.

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