



GOVERNOR TOM McCALL and Miss Pam Fox, community relations director for the Agri-Business Council, pack an assortment of quality Oregon products for display at the International Bazaar in Luxembourg. The cross section of Oregon foods, dis-

played in a special booth decorated with posters showing the scenic beauty of the state, was arranged through the State Highway Department. The annual International Bazaar is under the patronage of Her Royal Majesty the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg.

OEA Initiative Would Help Oregon Schools In Annual Budgets

After more than 200 preliminary school budget election defeats this year, Oregon school districts finally came in home-free and are operating normally -- at least until they have to go to voters again next year.

This unhappy situation is caused by two main factors. Increasing educational costs, representing about two-thirds of local property taxes, have been the chief cause of property tax growth in recent years. Greater amounts of state funds are funneled into local schools every year, but on the average their percentage of total education costs is dropping.

Second, most school district tax bases are inadequate. Most date back to 1916, except for the gradual 6 per cent annual increase allowed Constitutionally; only district voters may choose to exceed the growth limit.

The Salem school district, for example, has a Constitutional tax base of \$1.6 million. Voters have long approved levies exceeding the 6 per cent growth allowance, until today the Salem district must levy \$18.6 million to meet its needs. Obviously that is not within the 6 per cent limit, or \$1.6 million base, so voters must continue to vote on Salem's levy every year.

The situation is common throughout the state, and resistance to such growth and such frequent elections is reflected in the increasing number of no votes.

The two-sided dilemma has a two-sided solution, if the people and the legislature can make it work; (1) remedy the Constitutional tax base problem so that schools have adequate, current tax bases that will permit voters to turn down property taxes if they choose without facing the alternative of school closure, and (2) increase state aid to local schools.

In other words, finance a larger share of school cost from state revenues and a smaller share from local property taxes.

The Oregon Education Association is initiating a Constitutional amendment which, if it gets on the ballot and approved statewide, would remedy the tax base problem. Its provisions:

(a) A new tax base for each school district in the state, based on its current operating budget.

(b) That the base would automatically increase at a rate of 6 per cent per year (without a vote of the people (as is allowed now)).

(c) That legislative authority be granted to allow for additional growth in a district's tax base because of increased enrollment.

(d) That statutory authority be granted for the legislature to reduce a district's tax base to reflect prevailing economic conditions.

(e) That any amounts voted in excess of the original tax base and the 6 per cent growth factor would be added to and made a part of the tax base.

(f) That except as provided by law, a school district would be limited to two elections per year for purposes of establishing a new tax base.

(g) That provisions of the amendment would not apply in case of: Levies for the retirement of bonded indebtedness and payment of interests; serial levies to raise revenue for other than school operating purposes; or levies to raise revenue to be used as an offset against levies made by school districts.

Allowing levies voted above the 6 per cent limit to automatically become a part of the base, not now permitted, would keep bases current. Requirement for excess levies would be a necessary annual affair, and if they were submitted and defeated it would not mean closing the schools.

Also, by including state aid in the new tax base, an increase in state aid would mean a reduction in local property taxes under this proposal.

The Oregon Education Association will be circulating initiative petitions for support of their measure. If enough signatures are gained, it will appear on the November, 1970 ballot.

The other half of the two-part solution, increased state aid to local schools, is trickier, and its achievement may be the responsibility of either the legislature or the people, or both. New state revenue is needed to substantially increase state aid, and voters repeatedly have vetoed ideas for this--such as this year's sales tax again.

The 1969 legislature increased state aid by \$20 million, and state aid has increased 40 percent in 10 years. But its percentage of total school costs has declined; today's annual total of \$177 million in school support still is only about 23 percent of local school's operating budgets.

The legislature is not likely to adopt any significant tax increases or new taxes for school aid revenue. Perhaps holding down state spending in other areas, plus moderate revenue adjustments, could help raise state aid to a more satisfactory level.

And if new-found state aid tracts with new tax bases as proposed by OEA's initiative, it would achieve some of that elusive property tax relief.

Kingman Kolony

BY DALE WITT
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KINGMAN KOLONY--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer and Jan and Jerry Freitag of Nyssa attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Tim Holly in Adrian Friday evening.

Clyde Bowers was a Friday afternoon guest at the Charles Bowers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Sparks in Nyssa Saturday afternoon. That evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliot in the Owyhee area.

Roy Spencer was an overnight guest Dec. 8 of Jimmie Watts. Mr. and Mrs. Buck Clemens of Burns visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson Dec. 8 and were overnight guests at the Herschel Thompson home.

Mrs. Earl Kygar and Janeen attended the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Tim Holly at the Adrian Presbyterian church Friday evening.

Mrs. Dix Fox and Mrs. Herschel Thompson visited Mrs. Jessie Martinez at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joe Rodriguez in Nyssa Dec. 8. They brought her a flower arrangement from the Pollyanna club.

Guests at the Carl Piercy home after the Holly reception were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krieh.

Mrs. Mable Piercy and her sister, Mrs. Rube Graham were Saturday morning visitors at the Carl Piercy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Begeman visited at the Boyce and Bill Van De Water homes in Big Bend Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Straum visited in the Arnold Straum home in Caldwell Friday afternoon.

NEWS FROM AROCK

BY STUDENTS OF W. W. JONES SCHOOL

AROCK--The annual Christmas program will be held at the Arock Grange December 19. The program, presented by the students of the W. W. Jones School, will be a combination of plays, songs and dances.

Kenny Jess, when coming back from a basketball game in McDermitt, wrecked his mother's new car when he hit a deer by Blue Mountain. Rodney Bear, Scott Telleria, and Mrs. Jess were with him when the accident occurred.

Stan Henry took several of the Jordan Valley High school students to the McDermitt Tournament in which Jordan Valley and three other teams participated.

Jordan Valley took first place and McDermitt second place. Mr. and Mrs. George Rondeau of Grants Pass, Oregon are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fretwell of Arock.

Airman First Class Doyle Danner of Fallon, Nevada is now in Arock visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Danner. Doyle will be stationed at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Mr. Leo Cerri from Paradise Valley, Nevada visited with the John Lequerilla's Dec. 7. He was on his way home from Boise, Idaho.

Guests at the home of Glenn Caywood were Mrs. Don Tucker and daughter Karlene from Harper, Oregon.

Mrs. Glenn Fretwell came to substitute for Mrs. Richard Yturriondobetta at the W. W. Jones school Dec. 9, 1969.

The Arock Women's club recently sacked candy for the people planning to attend the Christmas program to be put on by the W. W. Jones school.

December 5 and 6 Ray and Steve Easterday went to McDermitt, Nevada, to get replacement heifers and cows.

Keith Easterday of Rome has recently bought a new 1970 Chevrolet pickup.

Mr. Glenn Fretwell of Arock, Oregon has recently completed his six years in the National Guards.

SKILLED WORKERS IN AUTOMOTIVE FIELD IN DEMAND

According to a survey recently conducted by Kenneth Goul, instructor in Treasure Valley Community College's mechanical technology program, skilled employees in the automotive service and repair occupations are in short supply.

Of the 90 known automotive establishments in Malheur County, 76 supplied information enabling Goul to draw some conclusions that could benefit counselors, training institutions, employment agencies, and curriculum developers.

Nine different types of businesses were surveyed. They included service stations, auto body and glass shop, heavy duty equipment businesses, automotive upholstery establishments, front end alignment garages, and automotive electricity and refrigeration shops as well as garages.

Goul found that a supply of skilled employees is non-existent--should business increase, employers would endorse high school level automotive education and would like to see upgrading of their skilled employees through night courses.

He found that over 60% of presently skilled employees received their training outside the area. He also found that beginning salaries were directly related to education.

The results of this study indicate a direction in curriculum revisions at Treasure Valley Community College. According to Earl McCollum, Director of Occupational Education, the college seeks to aid both employer and employee through its occupational education. The college student in mechanical technology must be ready to serve an employer immediately upon going to work. We at Treasure Valley want to be known as suppliers of quality employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans attended the Christmas dinner and party given for the employees of the Ontario Argus Observer in Ontario at the East-side Cafe Dec. 13.

Mrs. Anna Mills and Larry of Greenleaf, Ore., were Dec. 14 dinner guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans.

Mrs. Mike McKague has returned home from the Caldwell Memorial Hospital where she had surgery on her foot. At this time she is not doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kimmes and Sandy, and Mrs. Harley Sager were Tuesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans.

Mrs. and Mrs. C.W. Holt of McCall, Ida., and Mrs. Sally Peer spent Dec. 14 with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Snoderly and family. They were on their way to spend Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Haruch, of Hawthorne, Nev. Mr. and Mrs. Holt are both past ninety. They plan to spend the winter there and return to McCall this spring. They are Mrs. Snoderly's grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Snoderly have just purchased a new piano and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kimmes have purchased a new electric organ.

The Rev. Mrs. Mabel Roton, former pastor for the Free Methodist Church in Fruitland, underwent surgery on her hip at the St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise Dec. 13. She will be, at the hospital for at least two weeks, if people want to send her cards.

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Such as big steaks, trimmed with fat, Southern fried chicken, rich gravies, mayonnaise, lobster, swimming in butter, bacon, fats, sausages and scrambled eggs. You can eat until you are full, until you cannot possibly eat any more.

And still you should lose 10 pounds in the first ten days, plus 1 1/2 pounds every two days thereafter until your weight is down to normal. The secret behind this new "Quick weight loss" is not generally known.

stuff yourself on the permitted foods listed in the diet plan, and still lose unsightly fat and excess body fluids. When the fat and bloat are gone you will cease to lose weight, and your weight will remain controlled. A copy of this new and startlingly successful diet plan can be obtained by sending \$2 to

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NEWELL HEIGHTS ITEMS

BY DALE WITT PHONE 372-2183

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill, Terri and Lee were potluck dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price and family Dec. 13.

Mrs. Kenneth Price, Mrs. Carl Lee Hill and Terri attended the Owyhee Garden Club Christmas party Friday. They had a luncheon, a gift exchange and bazaar auction at the home of Mrs. Ray Strickland at Cow Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Fenn were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward Dec. 11.

December 12 Mrs. Rollo Fenn went to Homedale and called on Elsmore Fenn and Mrs. Tom Churchill.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Fenn visited Mrs. Carl Fenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson called on Mr. and Mrs. Russ Talbot Dec. 12.

Mrs. Frankie Worden visited her cousin, Irvin Davidson near Ridgeview Dec. 13.

Mrs. M. L. Judd and Mrs. Charles Newbill attended the ANK Garden club Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Raymond Poulton in Parma Dec. 9.

Friday evening dinner and overnight guests at the Bill Webb home were Johnnie and Susie Stam.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb were Sunday morning breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes of Nyssa.

Mrs. Duane Fenn and girls of Ontario visited Mrs. Carl Fenn Saturday afternoon. They called at the Gene Simpson home later.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson attended the Grange Christmas dinner at the Oregon Trail school house Saturday evening.

Mrs. M. L. Judd and Mrs. Gerritt Timmerman attended Book Club Dec. 13. The women were entertained by Mrs. Joe Brumbach. They had lunch at the East Side Cafe in Ontario, and were taken on a tour of the Malheur County Library where they had desert and their Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Province of Caldwell were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McDermitt.

Mrs. Dale Witt was a Sunday dinner guest at the W. C. Van De Water home in Big Bend. In the afternoon she accompanied them to Homedale where they attended the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goddard in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It was held at the Friends Community Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood entertained with an early Christmas dinner Dec. 14. Guests were Mrs. Mary Wood and Warren of Parma, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wood and family of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wood of Marsing and Terry Smith of Parma.

BIG BEND

BY GOLDIE ROBERTS

BIG BEND--Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tuppney left Dec. 9 for Denver, Colo., where they spent the rest of the week visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Luciano and family. John Walter Tuppney of Cape Kennedy, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith of Cortez, Colo., came also, making the Tuppney family together for the first time in twelve years.

Mrs. Dyre Roberts visited Dec. 12 with her cousin, Mrs. Agnes McClure in Caldwell.

Mrs. Verl Bishop attended a county meeting on Program Planning at the Library in Ontario Dec. 8.

Nancy Nelson is vacationing at home from N.C. in Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blamire and family moved to Nampa Dec. 10. Mrs. C.K. Smith went to Nampa Dec. 12 and the Blamire boys returned home with her for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witty returned Dec. 13 from a two weeks vacation visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Witty and the Oregon Coast.

Mmes. Ernest Seuell, Verl Bishop, John Packwood, Harvey Bennett, Ben Witty and Carl and Mary Auken attended a Christmas dinner at the Adrian Community Church Dec. 11.

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The positions filled from the announcement generally require two years of related education above the high school level or two years of experience pertinent to the particular job. There is no written test, ratings are based on an evaluation of an applicant's education and experience. Eligibles are referred to agencies for appointment consideration based on how closely their qualifications fit the requirements for the position being filled.

The Placement Office, Student Affairs office - Weese Building at Treasure Valley Community College, has information and application forms.

Wool producers were reminded today by Blaine Girvin, Chairman of the Malheur Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee that the 1969 marketing year under the wool program ends December 31. Payments for the current marketing year--1969--are based only on marketings completed during the year. Marketings completed after December 31, 1969, will be in the 1970 marketing year and not eligible for payments until early 1971.

Mr. Girvin urged producers to be sure all 1969 sales details are completed by the end of the year, including passing title to the buyer, delivery of the wool to the buyer either actually or through documents transferring control to the buyer, and having available all information necessary to determine the buyer's total purchase price.

Requests for 1969 marketing year payments under the National Wool Act may be filed with the Malheur County ASCS Office at any time. Incentive payments under the wool program are based on the average national price for marketings during the year.

Payments for the 1969 marketing year are expected to begin in April, 1970.

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