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ADVANCE LEGISLATION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Unless some change occurs, State Representative John Steelhammer will be speaker of the house at the next session of the Oregon legislature. Assured of sufficient votes to be elected to the speakership, Steelhammer recently invited members of the coming session to meet with him in Portland. Fifty of the sixty members attended.

Following that meeting he announced that members of the committee on ways and means will be called together at Salem a week ahead of the regular session to start work on the tough financial problem facing the legislature.

This announcement is early evidence of the wise choice made by voters at the last election placing legislators on an annual salary. Had members remained on a per diem basis, they could not afford "overtime" work.

Under the new arrangement, there is no good reason why several of the more important committees should not work in advance of the session. Problems of ways and means, taxation and assessment, schools, fish, game, highways, etc., could be assembled. Free from the confusion attending full legislative sessions, they could quietly work out tentative programs. Members know well in advance the major issues to be brought before them. These could be tackled in single-purpose committee meetings at which major difficulties could be settled and tentative outlines prepared. Bills could be drawn, subject to later amendment.

Work Done By Committees

While the entire legislative body must act upon passage of any piece of legislation, the principal work is done by committees.

As bills are introduced they are assigned to appropriate committees for study. Issues are fought out in committee sessions. Committees bring in their reports, recommending that the bills "Do Pass" or "Do Not Pass." Except on major matters the legislature usually follows the committee recommendation without much argument, except from the members delighting to "play to the galleries."

Members generally start work early in the morning in a committee session. They meet for a short time in a mid-morning assembly to hear reading of new bills, committee reports, announcements, etc., then go back to committee work. The same procedure is followed in the afternoon. Committee meetings and hearings often last until well into the "wee hours."

While the legislature is in session, members are sought out daily by visitors, lobbyists, proponents and opponents of bills, reporters, constituents, crackpots, solicitors, job seekers, political hangers-on, and dozens of others. Days and nights are passed in a hectic atmosphere.

Given opportunity to meet quietly in committees outside this environment, they doubtless could get many major issues well organized quickly, thus reducing the length of the session.

The annual salary basis for compensation will make advance committee work, as well as interim research, an increasingly important factor in legislative operation.



By Viannett S. Martin

What fun puppet-making and puppet-plays are for children! Our boys were most enthusiastic when their turn at it came in school. The other day I found the recipe their teacher, Mrs. Baker, used for the puppets: did you ever see any made of potatoes? In the November issue of "Friends," a most attractive magazine, for owners of Chevrolet, I saw two pages of photographs by Walter Farkyn of Detroit in which the way to make the puppets is shown, also the puppet theater, and their construction on milk bottles in the refrigerator.

ever two little maids are enjoying themselves, Julie and Susan are; and I feel quite sure that other children, studying the pages to get the idea, would soon be enjoying themselves, too, as puppeteers! I remember another idea our boys delighted in. They pasted large maps on pieces of corrugated cardboard, then painted with common house paint all around the edges, punched holes for a hanger-rod, and presto, a really good looking map. They also pasted maps on stiff plain cardboard, and cut them out for puzzles; a favorite game was to time each other in putting the map together.

Success Reported On GI Training For Farm Work

What does the G. I. Bill farm training program mean to the nation?

According to surveys recently compiled by the Veterans administration, the training has had a far-reaching impact on veterans in agriculture.

It has furnished them with an impetus to buy, rent or lease their own farms. In many areas it has helped to boost farm income. It has led to increased farm production and to extensive soil conservation activities. And, it has encouraged farm improvements that make for better living.

In Idaho, for example, farm owners and managers actually were in a minority three years ago, constituting only 45 percent of all farmers. But on September 1 of this year the group made up 54

percent of all farm students. Montana reports the case history of a full-blooded Indian who returned from the Navy with little more than two good hands and the ambition to be a farmer. He enrolled in the program, training under another farmer. His first seven months were so successful that his Tribal Council voted to lend him money for his own farm.

Since then his hay crops have been consistently successful, he began raising livestock, rebuilt his farm home, bought and paid for a pickup truck, and kept up payments on his farm loan.

Veterans interested in enrolling in farm training courses should contact the agriculture instructor in their local high schools or the nearest Veterans administration office. Deadline for starting training is July 25, 1951.

A Civil War battle was fought near Santa Fe, New Mexico, although that state was then only a territory of the U. S. A.

They Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet!



Washington Report

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

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WASHINGTON—TV, in case you haven't noticed, is in a mess; and the prospects are that things will get worse, rather than better. To begin with, metal shortages seem likely to do to color television what the Federal Communications commission only partially accomplished—knock it out of the picture completely.

But even black and white TV is now suffering a serious rap. Copper, steel, cobalt and nickel have had the finger put on them by heads of the rearmament program, and all are essential in the production of TV receivers. In addition, government orders for radar and rocket signal devices, not to mention the demands of the blossoming guided missile projects, already are crowding into limited production capacity television tubes, large and small.

Everything considered, the talk about "make this a television Christmas" has a rather hollow ring. As the problems multiply, the FCC's turkey on the color television question looks more and more ratty by the hour. It was a thoroughly immoral demonstration of abuse of governmental authority anyway.

The FCC has no power or jurisdiction over the manufacture of radio equipment, and the force it tried to exercise in this case was a reasonable approximation of polite blackmail.

The leading TV set manufacturers are likewise in the business of commercial telecasting and broadcasting, over which the FCC does have control. The weapon that was brandished on this occasion was the implied threat to make life miserable for non-cooperators in the telecasting and broadcasting business. An ugly business.

The federal court in Chicago stepped in, however, for a look-see on that score, and thus the FCC was halted in its tracks, temporarily at least. By the time the legal palaver is completed, TV color production probably will be just an abstract threat because of the materials problem.

But the goodness of the ruling is none the less spectacular. The color process that CBS sold to the commission would require every video viewer in the nation to convert to color, or confine himself to the programs telecast in black and white. The converter is a gadget about the size of an old-fashioned upright piano, which means still more materials.

The system the FCC turned down would have permitted present owners of black and white sets to receive colorcasts or standard TV. The color comes through as an ordinary black and white picture, which means no additional materials.

The forgotten men in the color battle are some hundreds of prospective television broadcasters who have applications for licenses pending before the FCC. They waited for more than a year for the FCC to make up its mind about color. Their future plans were dependent on the decision. When it finally came, and the courts took over, they found themselves right back where they started.

There are only a limited number of broadcasting channels usable for television. The FCC has been holding back a sizable number of these, figuring that most of the new licenses would use color. In fact, the trade is getting under the table reports that FCC policy will be to reserve any further licenses for black and white broadcasting.

There are no color receivers to speak of at the present time, and as long as the courts are hatching an answer to the color controversy there will be none, obviously. Most applicants for video licenses, therefore, are something less than enthusiastic about the FCC masterminding.

If the court throws out the FCC decision the industry is expected

LETTERS to the Editor

MYRTLE CREEK

—(To The Editor) — I have been a reader of your paper and its predecessors for over 20 years. I heartily agree with some of your views. However, I emphatically disagree with other views. For instance, I agree wholeheartedly with your views on prejudice taxes. I am prejudiced against cigars. However, I have never voted to tax a smoker because it is, in my opinion, a class tax. The social security law, in my opinion, is class legislation, also the unemployment act, as they only cover a part of the people for benefits and we all share in their expense, which is some more of the hidden tax.

I dislike being taxed to raise money to pay pensions to the wealthy. However, the federal government, the state and county authorities pass such laws, which seem to me are class legislation. In fact, I think a great many of our laws are class legislation. The legislators two years ago ignored the people's demand for an old age pension and their wish to have the expenses of the welfare commission trimmed. So why should they stand for the cigarette tax, which is class legislation? However, they are probably prejudiced, too, and they may pass a sales tax, which you are working for, that has been voted down by the people many times.

Why do so many rich people contribute large sums of money in order to tax people who are least able to pay heavy taxes? The cost of administration would be enormous. If I remember right, you made the statement a few months ago that the people who lived in trailer houses paid no taxes. That is a mistake. I paid a 10 percent tax on my trailer house last year. I have my son-in-law's tax statement in front of me which shows that his tax on his house trailer this year is eight percent (\$8 on \$100 value). Please correct your statement in your paper. Let us have facts, then we will have a measure of confidence in the press. (See Charles V. Stanton's column in The News-Review Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 27 and 28.)

E. M. MORGAN
Myrtle Creek, Ore.

(Editor's Note—The statement to which Mr. Morgan refers, concerning the tax on house trailers, appeared last Oct. 27 in a discussion of the basic school fund bill. In discussing the tax and on real property it was pointed out that voters had rejected the sales tax and that income taxes would be the next best way to reach non-property owning taxpayers. We then called attention, parenthetically, to Roseburg's large proportion of house trailer residents—largest in the United States where public housing surveys have been made. House trailers were taxed under personal property tax laws this year for the first time.)

Vital Statistics

Marriage License

MEELER-JOHNSON — Marvin Warner Meeler and Beulah Johnson, both of Reedsport.

Divorce Suit Filed

BURNETT — Oscar E. vs Opal Burnett. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks that defendant be awarded custody of three minor children for which he will pay \$25 monthly support per child. Plaintiff asks custody of the children during school vacation months and that a property settlement be ratified.

munist forces against the U. N. forces," the message said, "can only serve to plunge the entire world into a bitter conflict for which China will be blamed by freedom-loving people everywhere."

Seattle Chinese Rap

Communists In Korea

SEATTLE — (AP) — Seattle's Chinese community has condemned "antagonistic and aggressive actions" of Chinese Communists in Korea.

The Seattle Chinese Benevolent association sent its protest to Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, after an emergency meeting.

Present action by Chinese Com-

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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to get our meat out through it. In the news, there is this note of stark tragedy:

In our desperate withdrawal in the face of superior force, WE'RE HAVING TO LEAVE MANY OF OUR WOUNDED BEHIND. Behind in the zero cold. Helicopters are shuttling back and forth, settling here and there and picking up wounded men. We're picking some of them up in jeeps.

But we can't get them all. It's that kind of retreat.

This will give you an idea of the kind of fighting it is:

There is a brigade of Turks in our 8th army. Tuesday night the Turks smashed into the enemy line WITH BAYONETS, with their naked steel, fighting almost body to body, they inflicted heavy losses. But in a few minutes they were surrounded and overwhelmed by the milling Red hordes. That's Asiatic war.

Remember the four divisions in our 8th army. I don't know how many combat divisions we have altogether. The exact number is a military secret. But the last estimate I noticed was something like TWELVE or FOURTEEN.

Here's an ironic note in the news:

We need reinforcements to stop the pouring tides of communists. Looking about for them, we can think of nothing close enough at hand BUT CHIANG'S TROOPS ON FORMOSA!

He offered them to us once, and we refused them. We didn't want to make the Chinese reds mad.

Here's another ironic note:

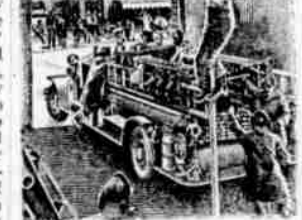
The Chinese communist delegation to United Nations at Lake Success in New York is HOUSED IN THE WALDORF ASTORIA

Recreation Assn. Launched To Push Eel Lake Project

Plans for organizing the Coos-Washington Douglas Recreation association have been started at Coos Bay. The association has as its immediate project cooperation with the state game commission in establishing a recreational area at Eel lake. The lake lies on the border of the two counties. The surrounding land, approximately 1700 acres, is owned by the game commission. The association will endeavor to have the site set aside for public recreational use rather than having it sold for private development.

The new association has as temporary officers: Frank Taylor, Reedsport, chairman; Harrison P. Hornish, Coos Bay, secretary; John C. Diehl, Reedsport; Leonard Tolman, Winchester Bay; Ben C. Flaxel, North Bend; Myron Kilgore, Lakeside, and Joe M. Dunn, Coos Bay, directors. Taylor has been active as a member of the Umpqua Basin Conservation council's recreational land acquisition committee. Hornish is editor of the Coos Bay Times.

The association will send a delegation to Portland Saturday to meet with the commission and urge that the Eel lake property be dedicated to public use.



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One more background note:

The Russians, a significant dispatch from Berlin reports, HAVE SIX ARMIES in winter quarters in East Germany. We've been talking about divisions. In ordinary military practice, it takes two or more divisions to make an army corps. It takes two or more army corps to make an army.

The Russians have six ARMIES sitting tight in East Germany—presumably ready at a moment's notice to start rolling westward toward the English Channel. That's almost half as many ARMIES as we have DIVISIONS. That's the kind of situation we're up against.

WORLDWIDE Bible Reading

DAILY READING

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Dec. 1 Psalms 43

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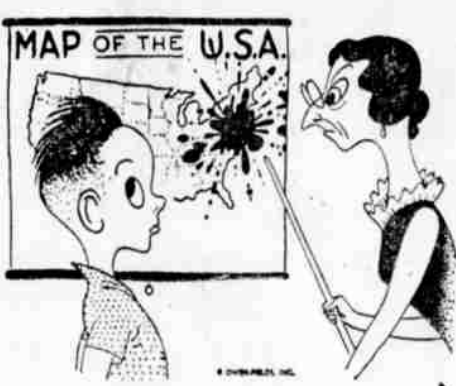
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