

Mixed Marriages Given First Nod

SALEM — (AP) — The senate law committee voted 4 to 3 for a bill to allow mixed marriages.

It would repeal the law which forbids any white person to marry and Indian, Negro, Chinese or a Hawaiian.



The bill was requested by Indian leaders, who felt that the present law discriminates against them.

"Marriages are made in heaven. How can we legislate against God?" Gill said.

Mahoney said he feared the bill "might agitate matters," while Hilton said "stirring this issue up now won't do any good."

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to let cities use state highway funds to remove snow and wash the streets. The cities already are doing that now, and this bill would just make it legal.

The Grange bill to have the public utilities commission elected by the people was killed by the Senate by overwhelming voice vote.

The public utilities commissioner now is appointed by the governor.

Births At Mercy Hospital

FARISS — To Mr. and Mrs. John Weldon Fariss Jr., 1006 Garden Valley road, Roseburg, March 4, a son, Christopher John; weight eight pounds nine ounces.

NEELY — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ray Neely, Rt. 3, box 1129, Roseburg, March 2, a daughter, Debra Ann; weight seven pounds six ounces.

STRICKLING — To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leland Strickling, Rt. 3, box 723, Roseburg, March 2, a son, Michael Scott; weight seven pounds eight ounces.

KING — To Mr. and Mrs. Neal Jobe King, box 531, Myrtle Creek, March 2, a son, Fred Jobe; weight seven pounds ten ounces.

EATON — To Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Eaton, 2803 N. Stephens, Roseburg, March 2, a daughter, Rosanne Ellen; weight 7 pounds six ounces.

RICHARDSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Barland Richardson, box 55, Camas Valley, Feb. 21, a daughter, Valerie Jean; weight six pounds nine ounces.

SULLIVAN — To Mr. and Mrs. Melton L. Roy Sullivan, 715 Court street, Roseburg, March 7, a daughter, Shirley Luella; weight six pounds four ounces.

STEVENS — To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Glenn Stevens, Rt. 1, box 246-E, Sutherlin, March 10, a son, Dennis Michael; weight seven pounds one ounce.

DOW — To Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Eugene Dow, box 42, Winston, March 9, a daughter, Anna Darlene; weight six pounds nine ounces.

HANDY — To Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Pierce Handy, Umpqua, March 9, a son, Kevin Conn; weight five pounds fourteen ounces.

GRAHAM — To Mr. and Mrs. William Harold Graham, Myrtle Creek, March 9, a son, Bobby Lynn; weight six pounds.

SABIN — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarence Sabin, 2604 Harvard avenue, Roseburg, March 11, a son, Douglas Edward; weight seven pounds three ounces.

EVANOFF — To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Raymond Evanoff, Idlewild route, box 406, Roseburg, March 11, a daughter, Kathryn Ann; weight seven pounds two ounces.

HICKMAN — To Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Perry Hickman, 2928 Douglas lane, Roseburg, March 4, a daughter, Mardell Rae; weight eight pounds eleven ounces.

REECE — To Mr. and Mrs. William Dana Reece, Oakland, March 4, a son, William Cloud; weight six pounds ten and one-half ounces.

Oregon Influenza At Epidemic Stage In Four Counties

PORTLAND — (AP) — Epidemic influenza was reported in four more Oregon counties and the state-wide total reached 1981 cases — a 59 percent increase over last week's total number of cases — the state board of health reported today.

Crook county reported 200 cases, Jackson 809, Marion 422 and Linn 102 for the week ending March 3. These four areas have been declared epidemic by Dr. Samuel Osgood, head of the epidemiology department of the State Board of Health.

The number of pneumonia cases was up throughout the state almost 20 percent — from 46 for the week ending Feb. 24 to 54 for the week ending March 3.

Dr. Osgood explained that in some cases pneumonia followed influenza attacks. He pointed out that Jackson county which has the highest influenza number, also has the highest pneumonia total — 15 cases.

Jackson is the only area where the epidemic has held on for more than one week.

The disease was reported in these other counties: Benton 21, Clackamas 43, Clatsop 5, Columbia 4, Coos 3, Curry 47, Deschutes 8, Douglas 12, Grant 23, Josephine 32, Lane 2, Morrow 50, Portland 5, Polk 38, Tillamook 6, Umatilla 44, Wallowa 22, and Washington 19 Wheeler 44.

Dr. Osgood said the figures did not represent a dangerous situation. So far the attacks of the virus respiratory infection have been mild. It is spread by close contact, he said, usually in poorly ventilated rooms.

Schools have not been closed in epidemic areas unless the school officials have ordered them closed on the basis of their individual instructional programs, he added.

Figures on the mortality of influenza in the state for the months of February and March have not yet been compiled. Unofficial returns indicate fatalities so far have occurred only when aged persons have contracted the disease.

Iraqi Jews Take Airlift To Israel

TEL-AVIV, Israel — (AP) — Almost 5,000 Iraqi Jews were airlifted as immigrants into Israel in the first third of March, the government has announced.

A total of 6,250 arrived from Baghdad by way of Nicosia, Cyprus, in the month of February, and 4,500 in January. Since the beginning of this week two Israeli immigration planes have been leaving Baghdad twice daily, each time with more than 100 passengers, including many children. About 30,000 have arrived since last May, when this airlift began.

The new arrivals confirmed reports that the Iraqi Parliament Friday froze property and bank accounts of Jews who gave up their Iraqi nationality and registered for emigration to Israel.

The new arrivals were allowed to take with them five dinars (about \$14) each. Earlier the Iraqi government had allowed them to take ten times as much. It is reported that from 50,000 to 70,000 still are awaiting transport to Israel.

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Red Cross Aids 32,000 Persons

NEW YORK — (AP) — Thirty-two thousand persons were aided by the Red Cross when floods, gales or heavy snow swept 12 states last November.

In addition, 3,256 families were helped in repairing homes or business necessary to family income.

The disaster operation cost the Red Cross \$455,000.

The figures were given last night in a Red Cross statement announcing that the special field headquarters established here for the storm emergency would close today.

States served by the Red Cross were New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware and Kentucky.

Ralph Bain, Red Cross eastern area disaster services director, commented that the varied requirements of the work illustrate "the mass care and assistance Red Cross chapters can provide local civil defense programs throughout the country in the event of a war-caused disaster."

Housing, food and medical care for storm victims were provided at 348 emergency shelters.

The Red Cross said that during the actual disaster period and its aftermath, 5,000 volunteer workers from 103 local Red Cross chapters assisted 81 of the organization's national disaster specialists.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Ball Scheduled

Plans are shaping up for the second annual St. Patrick's day dance, which St. Joseph's Altar society is sponsoring Friday night at the armory to augment its church building fund. The dance starts at 9 p.m.

Mrs. James Kilkenny, general chairman, reported that the Irish theme will be carried out in keeping with the occasion.

Hal Hardin's orchestra quintet, which plays for dances at the University of Oregon every Saturday night, will be on hand to provide the music. Hardin has been working on some special Irish tunes to be included.

Last year's dance proved a big success, and the committee is hoping for a similar showing Friday night.

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