

## Pension Boost For Presbyterian Clergy Opposed

CINCINNATI — (AP) — A special committee has "reluctantly" recommended that the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. not increase the pensions of retired and disabled ministers.

The committee had studied a proposal to increase the minimum pension from \$600 a year to \$1,200.

To do this without endangering the pension system, the committee informed the church's general assembly, would require:

- (1) A \$21, 000, 000 increase in the reserve fund, and
- (2) An increase of 27 percent in the amount which pastors and their churches now jointly contribute to the pension fund.

The committee expressed fear that such an increase in contributions might discourage ministers and their churches from participating in the pension program and jeopardize the whole setup.

The assembly, highest governing body of the church, is expected to agree with the committee.

The church now pays pensions to 1848 ministers. But not all of them get the \$600 minimum, said Donald Hibbard, executive vice president of the board of pensions. Only those who served the church at least 35 years receive the minimum.

Some get as low as \$27 a year. Others, who drew large salaries while active and made substantial contributions, get as high as \$2174.

The "special committee on inadequate pensions" said it was concerned for those retired ministers who received small pensions or none at all.

**Additional Home Advised**

So, to take care of impoverished clergymen and their wives, who must be supported in church-operated homes, the committee suggested the church spend \$2,000,000. The money would be used to

build additional homes to care for 300 ministers and wives. The national church now owns five of these homes. Presbyteries and local churches own others.

To raise the \$2,000,000 the committee proposed that the churches contribute an amount equal to two percent of their minister's salary during the next four years.

The present Presbyterian, U.S.A., pension system was set up in 1927. A total of 7860 active ministers are contributing to it. They pay three percent of their salary into the pension fund; the churches pay an amount equal to eight percent of the pastor's salary.

The average pension of the pastor retiring in 1950 was \$690.48 a year. Besides the 1848 ministers drawing pensions, 1337 ministers' widows and 231 orphans are receiving payments.

## Washougal Boy Meets Gasoline Torch Death

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — Gasoline-soaked clothing twice burst into flame and claimed the life early today of Leonard Glenn Good, 19, of rural Washougal.

The coroner's office reported that Good was pumping gasoline from a storage tank for a tractor and a sudden gushing out of the gasoline soaked his clothes.

He walked into the house to change, and moments later ran out with his clothes afire. His father, Leonard Good, threw a rug over him and when the fire appeared out, put him in the car and started for a hospital here.

On the way, the gasoline-soaked clothes again burst into flame. By the time the flames were out, nearly 75 percent of the young man's body was burned. He died in the hospital.

The family thought static electricity may have touched off the

first fire and a smoldering spark the second.

**Deputy Sheriff Banned From Job Of Assessor**

SALEM — (AP) — If the Coos county deputy sheriff in charge of taxation accepts the job as county assessor, he's going to have to take a pay cut, Attorney General George Neuner ruled.

He now gets \$4,800 a year, while the assessor's job, which becomes vacant July 1, pays only \$4,000.

The county's district attorney, James A. Norman, suggested that the \$700 difference could be made up by naming the man also as a special consultant.

But Neuner turned this idea down, asserting a county officer can't hold two jobs, and that the law fixes the salary for assessor and that's all he can get.

## Administration Of Utah Prison Is Reorganized

POINT-OF-THE-MOUNTAIN, Utah — (AP) — Administration of Utah's prison was reorganized last week as a result of Sunday's four and one-half hour riot at the ultra-modern multimillion dollar structure.

Joseph W. Dudler, superintendent of the state highway patrol, was placed in complete charge indefinitely.

Eight administrative officers were discharged.

However, Warden Alvin O. Severson was retained as warden under Dudler's overall direction.

The surprise action was taken at a secret meeting of the board of corrections.

A directive placing Dudler in

charge was signed by Gov. J. Bracken Lee and John F. Dugan, chairman of the board of corrections.

Three of the men discharged were named during the riot by spokesmen for the prisoners as officers they wanted discharged. A promise by prison officials to investigate charges of partiality against the three figured in the prisoners' decision to end the riot.

Gov. Lee declared, however, none of the changes were the result of prisoner demands.

"We have not given and will not give consideration to demands of the prisoners," he said.

**ORGANIZE TO HOLD MEN**

SINGAPORE — (AP) — Malay women want to hold their husbands. They're banding together to fight "easy divorce." Women members of the United Malays' National Organization are demanding to know why a man should be able to say "I want a divorce" and get it.

And it's really easy. All a Moslem has to do to get a divorce is to tell his wife he wants one. This, say the Malay women, is "disgracefully" simple. They added women had no protection at all and the husband was not compelled to pay for their maintenance.

So the women of the UMNO announced they'll fight to have Moslem law changed at the next semi-annual meeting of the organization in Kuala Lumpur.

Door locks in the 18th century frequently were large and elaborately designed. Some were more than a foot long and required keys half that length.



**BEATIFY PONTIFF** — Pope Pius X, who died in 1914, will be beatified in solemn ceremonies in the Vatican, first pontiff to be so honored in 279 years. Beatification is the second stage in canonization as a saint. Pius X was elected Pope in 1903, when he was Giuseppe Cardinal Sarto, Archbishop of Venice, affectionately known as "Papa Sarto."



**STINGRAY STUNG** — A giant stingray, brought up from a depth of 60 feet by the buckets of an Auckland, N. Z., harbor dredge is proudly displayed by workmen. The ray, unpopular with sportsmen because of his reluctance to fight, burrows in the sandy ocean bed. (NEA)



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