

Multnomah District Courts To Get Cases

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland municipal judges no longer will handle state criminal cases, Multnomah County Dist. Atty. William Langley reported here.

He said that from now on these cases—averaging 300 to 350 a month and involving such violations as drunken driving, shoplifting, bad checks and larceny—will be handled in Multnomah County district courts.

The practice of taking state cases before municipal court judges, who serve as "justices of the peace ex-officio," started at about the time of World War I and has been continued.

Under the new arrangement, police will have to decide at the time of arrest whether the prisoner is accused under municipal or state law.

GOP WOMEN ELECT

PORTLAND (AP) — The Republican Council of Oregon Women, Inc., reelected Mrs. Harold D. Peterson, Dallas, to a two-year term as president Thursday.

Also reelected were Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Portland, first vice president, and Mrs. John Y. Richardson, Portland, second vice president. Dr. Henrietta Burton, Corvallis, was elected third vice president. Nell McCue, Salem, was named treasurer.



GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN BY THE DOZENS—If Mrs. Anton Strack, left, has a proud smile on her face, it's because she's standing beside her 100th great-grandchild, a nine-pound four-ounce boy born recently to Mrs. Raymond Thessing, right, of Conway, Ark. Great-grandmother Strack also has 13 living children and 67 grandchildren, for a grand total of 180 descendants. She's a widow, originally from St. Patrick, Mo.



SALUTE WAR DEAD — Vice President Richard Nixon places President Eisenhower's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to highlight the nation's observance of Memorial Day.

Farm Bureau Federation Taking New Route Toward Getting Sales Tax Passed

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Those sales tax supporters who voted against the 3 per cent sales tax in the recent Legislature had hoped that the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation would get them off the hook.

These legislators, who opposed putting the sales tax on the ballot, had expected that the Farm Bureau would do it for them by circulating initiative petitions.

The Farm Bureau did indicate it probably would do that. But now it isn't so sure.

It's entirely probable that the Legislature would have passed the sales tax bill if it hadn't been for political factors. Some Republicans, knowing they face a hard election fight next year, didn't think it wise to let the Democrats pin a sales tax label on the GOP.

So they voted against the bill, figuring that the Farm Bureau would put it on the ballot.

George Dewey, secretary of the Farm Bureau, says the bureau now is considering a different route.

This new route is to persuade the people to vote on November 1956, for the proposed constitutional amendment that would let the Legislature put emergency clauses on tax bills.

If this amendment is approved by the people, the 1957 Legislature could pass a sales tax without having it subject to referendum attack.

The House of Delegates of the Farm Bureau has been called to a special meeting in Bend for the last week in July. At that time, it will consider the proposed amendment as an alternative to the proposal that the Farm Bureau initiate the sales tax.

Meantime, the county Farm Bureau organizations will be debating the issues.

Dewey says the Farm Bureau.

Bill Would Apportion Use Of Klamath River

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oregon and California would be permitted to negotiate a compact apportioning waters of the Klamath River and its tributaries under a bill approved by the House Interior Committee here.

Reps. Engle (D-Calif.) and Coon (R-Ore.), who introduced identical measures, urged approval although Engle said he did so at the request of the California Klamath River Commission.

"I think it poor business to initiate interstate compacts," he said. "We've got enough trouble as it is."

Engle said he felt California would be "better off if we just go ahead and use the water and fight with them later if necessary."

which went on record last year for a sales tax, is split wide open over what kind of sales tax to recommend. He said there are just too many ideas as to how the tax should be levied and how the money should be distributed. That, he says, makes it hard to get an initiative that would win general acceptance in the organization.

In last year's resolution, the bureau proposed that the sales tax should reduce property taxes. But now, the leaders aren't so sure, some of them believing that all of the proposed sales tax revenue be used to finance increased government and school costs.

The Farm Bureau might still put the sales tax on the ballot. But right now, it looks as though it might go for the alternative of recommending approval of the emergency clause measure.

Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., a group of the bigger taxpayers, already is holding meetings over the state to stir up support for the emergency clause amendment.

Nine interim committees, which will report to the 1957 Legislature, soon will begin their investigations. They will prepare some of the most important legislation to be submitted to the next session.

Here are the subjects to be studied:

The entire field of taxation, including suggestions for increasing state revenues.

Education and aid to local school districts. This will include proposals for helping rapidly growing areas build new buildings.

Election and corrupt practices laws.

Highway and motor vehicle problems. This committee also will study proposals to increase highway revenues, and the idea of divorcing the park system from the Highway Commission.

Interstate cooperation, of which one item is the development of a Columbia Basin compact.

Problems of heavily populated districts in the Portland suburban area.

Drafting of a treaty to regulate salmon fishing off the shores of California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska.

Methods of reducing the amount of sex crime.

Public assistance laws and means of prosecuting fraud and non-support cases.



HAILS TREATY—This special Austrian stamp commemorates the recent signing of the treaty ending occupation of Austria. The two-schilling stamp bears the 1945 coat-of-arms series with an overprint of "Staatsvertrag 1955" (State Treaty 1955). Stamp is bluish-gray.

Eisenhower Invited Into Flying Farmers' Assn.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Because President Eisenhower used a small plane to fly to his Gettysburg farm, Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.) Saturday offered him an honorary life membership in the National Flying Farmers' Assn.

Carlson, former governor of Kansas and a friend of the president, made public a letter to Eisenhower saying: "I think it is most commendable that you have adopted this method of light plane transportation for short distances, and where short grass runways are sufficient."

Headquarters of the Flying Farmers Assn. is at Wichita, Kan.

Three New Polio Cases Identified in Washington

SEATTLE (AP) — Three new cases of "associated" poliomyelitis were identified in Washington this week, making a total of six persons afflicted with the disease after contact with children immunized with vaccine from the Cutter Laboratories.

D.R.W. R. Gledet, communicable disease control officer of the State Health Department, said the new cases "may be interpreted as an indication of the protective value of the vaccine."

Children who received inoculations with the Salk vaccine did not themselves become ill, he said.

Two of the youngsters who contracted polio after playing with children who had been vaccinated were from King County. The third was from Spokane.

Only one case has been reported in Washington of a child getting polio after receiving the Cutter vaccine.

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Church And Cemetery Clean-Up Held At Eden Lutheran Church

By THELMA HAMSON

Saturday was cleanup day at the Eden Lutheran Church and cemetery. A potluck dinner was held at noon.

To Camas Valley
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanson, Donald and Margie, drove to Camas Valley Saturday afternoon. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reetz. In the evening they visited

with Mr. and Mrs. Leasie John of Winston, and the latter's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray John and daughter, Jacklyn, of Grandview, Wash., who was visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Olson and Mrs. Anna Olson of Eugene visited with friends at Elgarose Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes, Mrs. Wayne Reetz of Camas Valley and Mrs. Anna John of Winston visited Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson.

From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bartholomy of Portland visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Sundberg over the weekend. The latter's daughter, Donna, from SOC and their son, Donald, from the U of O, were also home. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomy drove to Drain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmquist and children, Jon and Linda, of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gerretson of Roseburg were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmquist.

Donna Rowe was an overnight guest this past week of Carol Hargreaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cedarstrom of Coos Bay visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Johnson Sunday.

Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Webster of Salem visited this past week with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmquist. They took to Salem the latter's mother, Mrs. E. Edman, who has been visiting friends in Elgarose, and vicinity the last two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Circle have returned to their home after spending Memorial weekend with the former's mother, Mrs. Mertie Circle, at Ellensburg, Wash.

Miss Charlotte Sand was home the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sand and family. While here she attended the girls' league at Roseburg High School.

Mrs. Zella St. Clair of Portland visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Casper. Her daughter, Alice, returned to Portland with her. Alice has been staying with her grandparents this winter.

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