

# Washington Legislature Ready To Begin Consideration Of Important Legislation

OLYMPIA (AP) — With less than four weeks of the session remaining, a check here showed the 56th Legislature has enacted no major legislation to date.

A change in the scientific name of the state flowers was approved; a batch of technical corrections in previous laws were passed; money was appropriated for legislative expenses, and pension increases for retired public employees were reenacted.

The situation is not new. In almost every recent meeting of the Legislature few top bills have cleared both houses before the last few weeks of the session. The legislators are busy in the meantime with committee meetings and public hearings to prepare legislation for debate on the Senate and House floors.

Things should begin to pop next week.

The major bills — Gov. Rosellini's spending and taxing measures — are still bottled up in committee.

The GOP has always opposed an income tax so would be more likely to go along with an increase in the sales tax, providing the governor's spending program was trimmed to bare essentials needed to operate state government.

Meanwhile Democrats opposed to the governor's tax program have renewed their efforts to substitute an income tax for the governor's proposed boost in the sales tax.

**Opinion Requested**

Sen. Robert Greive, majority floor leader in the Senate, disclosed he has asked the attorney general for a new opinion on the legality of holding an election this year on a graduated net income tax.

By combining a vote on the income tax with an election of public officials, Greive, a Seattle lawyer, said he felt the attorney general would rule a general election could be held this year.

Greive said the matter of elect-

ing public officials at the same time could be taken care of by passing a bill now before the legislators.

The bill would make members of the state board of education subject to election of all voters in the state. They are selected at present by a mail ballot of local school board directors.

Greive admitted that a temporary tax-raising package would be needed on a temporary basis to take care of needs of state government until such time as an income tax was approved by a vote of the people. He said he had such a plan ready. It would hit cigarette, tobacco and liquor consumers.

Legislation to boost unemployment compensation benefits to jobless workers and other bills that might fit in the "major" category were still in committee but should begin to move on to the Senate and House floor for debate this week or next.

## Bills In Committee

The budget bill is in the House appropriations subcommittee and the tax measures are in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Rep. A. E. Edwards, head of the House subcommittee, said he plans to wind up spending bill about March 1, but will hold it in his committee until a money-raising plan to balance the budget is ready.

Gov. Rosellini's money-raising program has run into some difficulties in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, partly because of a split of the Democratic majority into two camps.

Rosellini's main revenue-raising measure calling for an increase in the state sales tax from 3 1/3 to 4 per cent has heavy opposition from members of his own party who prefer to raise the money with an income tax.

At least one attempt was made by the anti-sales tax Democrats to force the governor's bill out of the committee and on to the floor of the Senate, with the hope it could be killed early in the session.

**Attend Meeting**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaffer and son, Roger, attended a general council meeting of the Assembly of God churches in Salem recently and continued on to Portland for a brief stay.

Mrs. Mary Sagaberd, mother of Mrs. Guy McGhee, is critically ill in the North Bend Hospital.

In spite of stormy weather, a carload of intermediates for the First Baptist Church in Canyonville attended the Siskiyou Assn. annual formal Sweetheart Banquet, held at the Medford Girls' Community Building during the weekend.

Accompanying the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Walker were Linda Gaskill, Max Gibson and Orin Gaskill Jr.

The Rev. Mr. Walker was master of ceremonies of the banquet, the theme of which was "Thoughts of You," planned by B. A. Nichols of the local church. The Rev. Thomas Balsh, Calvary Church in Ashland, was main speaker.

Canyonville primary teachers are taking a variety of extension courses this term, according to Mrs. George Brinkworth, primary principal.

Miss May Swenson is taking the

## Canyonville PTA Plans Mexican Potluck For Spanish Program

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

A Mexican potluck dinner has been planned for the Community Building in Canyonville for Thursday, Feb. 26, and is being sponsored by the Canyonville PTA.

The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will set the mood for a demonstration by the PTA of elementary Spanish.

The two fifth grades, taught by Mrs. Blanca Beischedel and Mrs. Marcella Chavaras, will demonstrate their ability with Spanish during the program hour. Members of the PTA will be notified what to bring to the dinner by Mrs. Keith Johnson, president.

The Simonaires, a quartet from Simpson Bible College in San Francisco, accompanied recently at Canyonville Bible Academy while touring churches in Oregon.

physical science course in Roseburg; Mrs. Mary Mullarkey, physical education in the elementary school and world literature, both in Roseburg; Mrs. Mary Worley, physical education course in Roseburg and introductory geography in Grants Pass; Mrs. LaVern Fuller, physical education course in Roseburg and mental hygiene, and Mr. and Mrs. George Brinkworth and John Hakanson are taking the supervision course at Grants Pass.

A wide agenda of wildlife were featured during the last meeting of the South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club.

Norman Graham and Paul Klenke reported a meeting of the Oregon Wildlife Federation they attended in Corvallis and explained some of the facets of the new bill before the Oregon legislature concerning access to public lands.

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**Other Democrats** on the committee, with the support of the Republican minority, were able to keep the bill in committee until there is a more receptive climate for its approval.

If the Democratic split continues, the Republican minority may find itself in the position to swing the balance of power on the governor's tax program.

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## Attendance Bars Presented At Fair Oaks Grange Meet

By SUE SIKSTROM

Attendance bars were awarded during the last meeting of Fair Oaks Grange.

Five-year bars were presented to Harold and Dorothy Austin, Fred and Velma Brauning, Howard and Nora Cracraft, Lester and Jennie Harrison and Maggie Frances; four-year bars, Elwin and Lois King, Naomi Murdock, Carl and Pearl Thornton, Loyd Thornton, and three-year bar, Glen Murdock. Chet and Virginia Williams and Betty Thornton were given two-year bars.

was also read from Trudy Nielson, Pomona Grange lecturer, in regard to the play festival being sponsored by Pomona Grange.

**Charter Draped**

The charter was draped in honor of George Shamp, who died recently.

It was announced that Mrs. Mary Whitney has died in Great Barrington, Mass. She had recently returned to her home there, but had resided in Sutherland for several years with her son and family and was active in Grange work.

An announcement was made of the card party, which the Grange will hold Saturday evening with prizes and refreshments.

The next Grange meeting will be Feb. 24 with a 7 p.m. potluck.

**Agent Speaks**

Billie Williams of the Sutherland Grange, Grange insurance agent for the district, gave a report and explained the Grange Insurance Co. has inaugurated a new premium payment schedule.

Leroy Gerard, agriculture chairman, said there are still a few individuals among farmers who request federal farm production controls.

Elwin King, in his legislative report, explained the working of the domestic parity plan for wheat, being sponsored by the national Grange. King also spoke on a bill introduced into the Oregon legislature, which is supposed to plug present loopholes in the timber tax law. He stated that the Oregon Education Assn. has again introduced a bill to increase the basic school support fund from \$105 to \$140 per child. King went on to say that Oregonians are already paying more for schools than any other state.

A letter of thanks was read from the March of Dimes committee chairman for the contribution received from the Grange. A letter

## Dutch To Trace Quixote's Path

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)—Fifteen Dutch students will tour Spain by ox cart and horseback next month, following the route of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Their unusual holiday, from March 21 to April 29, will cover about 200 miles of Spanish roads from Montesa, in eastern Spain, via Ciudad Real in the south-central part of the country to the historic La Mancha region, where Cervantes' hero tilted with the windmills.

Emulating the don and his squire, the students of Spanish literature will live on the products of the land along their way. They won't try to duplicate his feats of chivalry.

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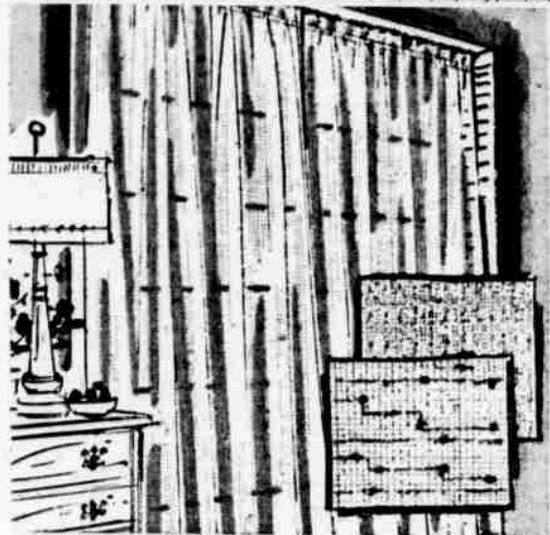
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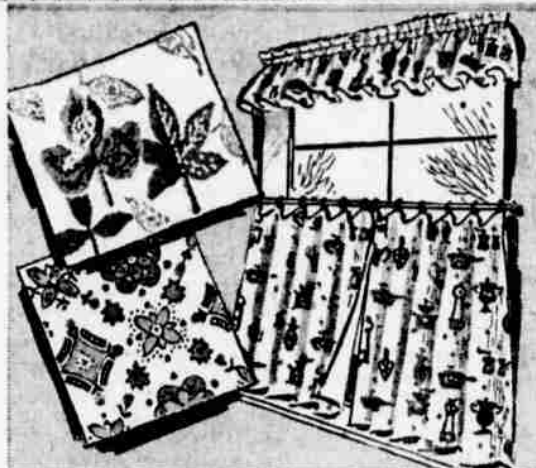
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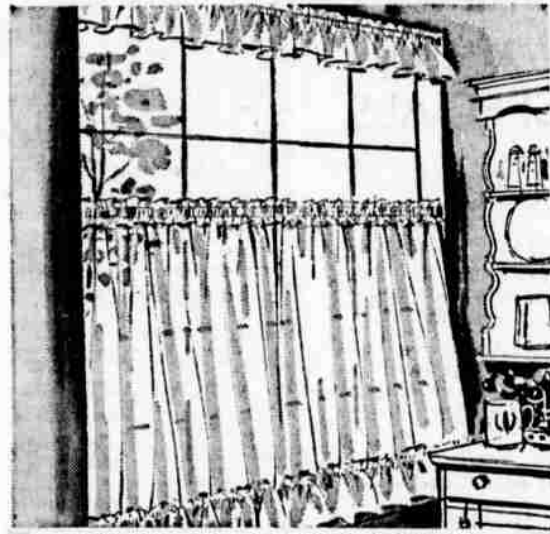
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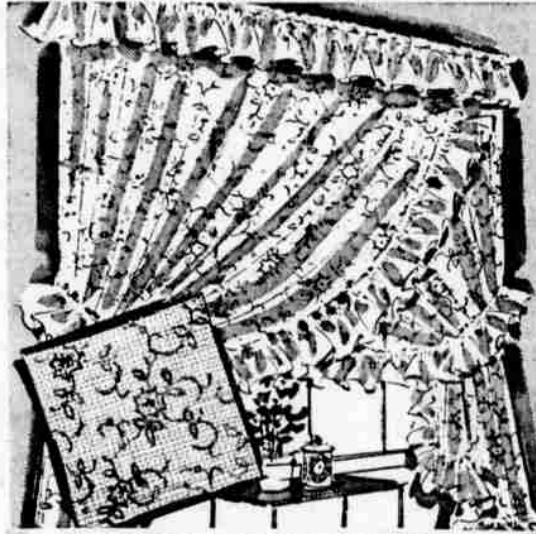
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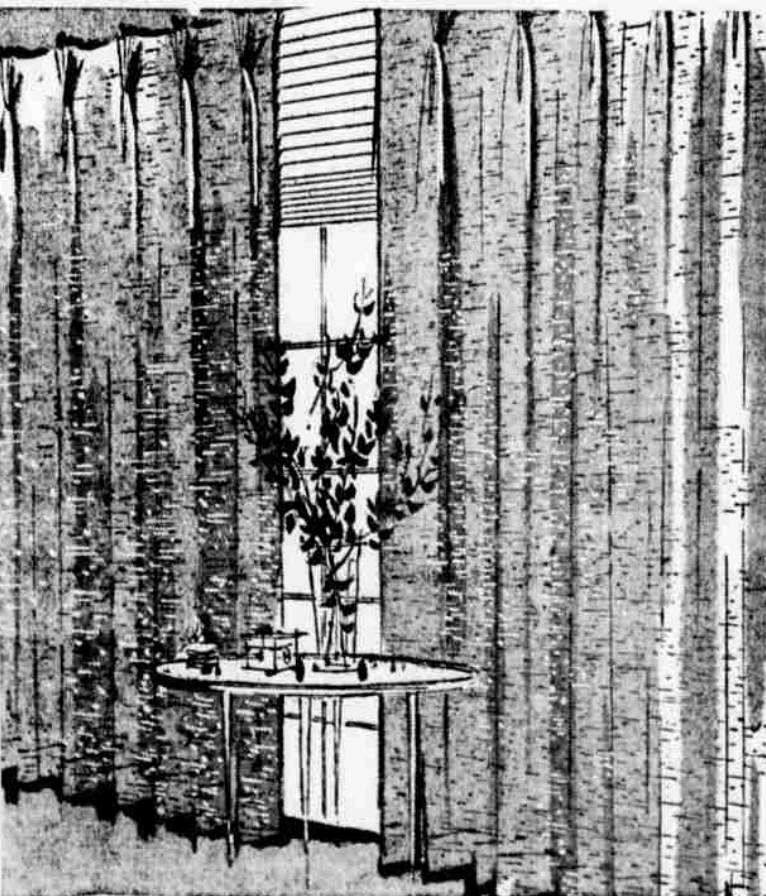


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