

Committee Okays Control Board End

Bill Gets GOP Opposition; Institutions Agency Planned

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SALEM (AP) — The way was cleared Wednesday for a battle on the floor of the Oregon House of Representatives over legislation that would abolish the three-man state Board of Control.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee approved the measure 9-3 which would establish a state Department of Institutions under the governor to take over the major function of the board.

The board includes the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

Most Republicans in the Legislature and Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield opposed the measure which failed in both the 1955 and 1957 sessions.

Three Republicans on the committee—Reps. Leon Davis of Hillsboro and W. W. Chadwick of Salem, and Sen. Francis Ziegler of Corvallis—voted against the bill.

The only Republican supporting the abolishment of the board on the committee was Sen. Edwin Durno of Medford.

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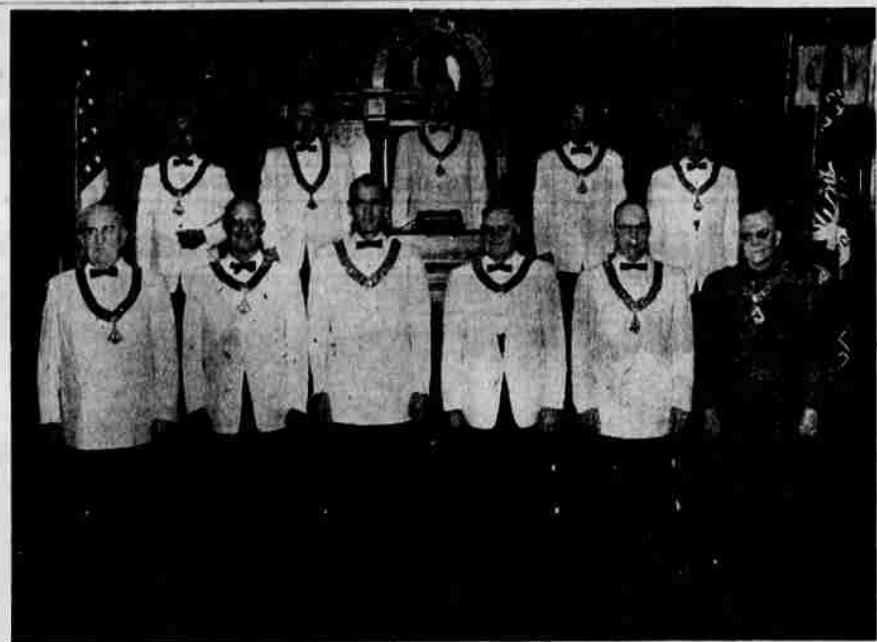
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NEW OFFICERS of Roseburg Elks Lodge are: back row from left, Esquire Gene Cooksey, Loyal Knight Ron Walls, Exalted Ruler Dick Stark, Leading Knight Don Dunham, Lecturing Knight Robert Stults, front row from left, Secretary George M. Brown, Tiler Lyman Skinner, Inner Guard Robert Elliott, Treasurer Ivan Pickens, Chaplain Ed Starr and trustee for a five-year term Earl Plummer. The installation was performed by acting grand lodge officers and past exalted rulers of the lodge.

Real Estate Board Notes Realtor Week

The Douglas County Real Estate Board, in cooperation with hundreds of other boards of realtors throughout the country and the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards, is observing Realtor Week this week.

Roseburg's Mayor Arlo Jacklin issued a proclamation proclaiming the week, and commented that "The Realtors of Roseburg have taken a leading part in the development of our city by serving with professional competence in the promotion, planning, building, sale and purchase of all types of real property."

A meeting of the local board was held Wednesday at the Hotel Umpqua. Dick Turley, Douglas County Fair manager, spoke telling what realtors can do in this year's Oregon Centennial program.

Veterinarian President In Salem On Business

Dr. Dallen Jones of Roseburg, president of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Assn., joined members of the association's Liaison Committee during a visit in Salem with members of the state department of Agriculture this week.

The veterinarians met with Frank McKenney, state director of agriculture; Fred Pope, chief of the Division of Animal Industry; and Dr. L. E. Bodenweiser, state veterinarian.

Jones said the session was scheduled to discuss mutual problems between the veterinarians of the state and the Division of Animal Industry.

Effie May Gregg

Mrs. Effie May Gregg, 87, Roseburg resident for the past 30 years, died Wednesday evening at a Roseburg hospital.

She was born in Cass County, Missouri on Feb. 16, 1872 and was married Sept. 21, 1895 at Indianapolis, Ind., to George Riley Gregg who preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1944. She moved with her husband to Colorado where they resided until 1926 at which time they moved to Watsonville, Calif., and came to Douglas County two years later. She made her home for a short time at Canyonville. Mrs. Gregg was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John (Clara Ethel) Campbell of Roseburg; son, Ralph of Denver, Colo.; brother, Otis Rutledge of Indianapolis, Ind.; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Long and Orr Mortuary chapel with the Rev. H. James Jenkins of the First Methodist Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery at Canyonville.

Youth Withdraws Plea, Fined On Liquor Count

Leroy Robert Rayburn, 18, of 326 NW Sweetbrier Ave., withdrew an earlier plea of innocent to a charge of illegal possession of liquor and Wednesday in Roseburg Municipal Court entered a plea of guilty.

He was fined \$10. Rayburn was arrested about 1 a.m. Feb. 28, by Roseburg police after they stopped his 1954 model car on SE Stephens St. and found a case of beer on the floor in the back seat, police said.

Early Start Hinted In Steel Parleys

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)—A hint that there may be an earlier start on steel contract negotiations came today from President David J. McDonald of the United Steelworkers.

He said in a statement that "after conferring with the industry regarding the rescheduling of negotiations, an announcement will be made as to the date."

A spokesman for the union declined to amplify the statement as to when or how such a conference might be held or when an announcement might be expected.

The steel negotiations have been scheduled to start May 18 in New York. Both the industry and the union have issued statements bearing on the contract situation. The industry first proposed that present wages be frozen for a year. McDonald rejected this, later suggested steel prices be frozen for a year and came back with a proposal that contract talks begin May 4. The industry Wednesday rejected the price freeze and said it is ready to begin bargaining at any time.

Dog Charge Denied

Mrs. Richard Enright, 163 NE Currier St., Roseburg, pleaded innocent in district court Wednesday to a charge of permitting a vicious animal to be at large.

Judge Warren A. Woodruff set trial for 10 a.m. Monday. She is accused in a complaint of allowing the dog to be at large April 11 in the neighborhood of Currier St. in the Fairacres Addition.

Conelrad Test To Quiet Radio Stations Friday

Douglas County's radio and television stations will join hundreds of others across the United States and Canada a half hour before noon Friday in a nationwide test of Civil Defense communications.

The 30-minute period of silence beginning at 11:30 a.m. will be broken only by CD announcements over two "Conelrad" frequencies—640 and 1240 on the radio dial, the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization has announced.

Arthur Selby, Douglas County Civil Defense director, today urged radio listeners to tune in one of the two frequencies during the test period "to get an idea of what would be done in the event of a real emergency."

"The test will be as realistic as possible," he said. Selby explained tomorrow's CONELRAD broadcasts will test communications only. Sometime in May a second national alert will be staged by the CD agency in which field demonstrations are to be held.

Approximately 1,200 radio stations on the two CONELRAD frequencies will resume broadcasting after a short period of "unusual silence" at 11:30 a.m.

The name is an abbreviation of control of electromagnetic radiation. The system, under which various stations alternate on the frequencies, was designed to prevent enemy bombers from using radio beams to find their targets.

All this will be part of Operation Alert 1959, designed to test the nation's readiness to cope with a nuclear attack by planes and missiles, the agency announced.

Operation Alert will continue through the summer in various stages. On Friday and Saturday, the public will take part as warning signals sound across the country.

In many communities, citizens will evacuate or take cover, depending on local plans. No CD activities are scheduled for Douglas County residents tomorrow.

Memorial Asks Freight Car Aid

SALEM (AP)—A memorial asking President Eisenhower, Congress and the Interstate Commerce Commission to relieve Oregon's perennial shortages of freight cars was introduced today by the House Planning and Development Committee.

It asks that eastern lines be forced to return cars owned by western lines, that Congress avoid any legislation that would increase railroad operating costs, and that a railroad car construction program be encouraged.

Oregon officials fear a severe car shortage this summer.

Elizabeth Lantz

Mrs. Elizabeth Lantz, 79, died at her home in Myrtle Creek Tuesday.

Mrs. Lantz was born at Malone, N. Y. Nov. 7, 1879 and came to Oregon in 1897. She was married to Samuel J. Lantz Feb. 11, 1896 at Hubbard, Ore. The couple lived in Lakeview prior to moving to Myrtle Creek 10 years ago. Her husband preceded her in death Aug. 16, 1955.

She is survived by four sons, Marvin, Garibaldi, Ore.; Guy, Elk City, Ore.; Ray, Mollala, S. Cal.; Charles, Lakeview; two brothers, Lee Remington, Roseburg, and Charles Remington, Jacksonville; one sister, Mrs. Jess Mills, Myrtle Creek; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek. Interment will follow in the IOOF Cemetery, Myrtle Creek.

Portland Police Arrest Fugitive

PORTLAND (AP)—A man wanted in Illinois for highjacking a truck loaded with television sets in an armed robbery was arrested Wednesday in Portland.

J. E. Milnes, FBI special agent in charge here, said the man is Henry LeRoy Smithkey, 31, charged in a federal warrant with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution in connection with the robbery.

Smithkey was indicted by the Cook County, Illinois, Grand Jury Feb. 18, 1959 charged with armed robbery in the highjacking attempt at Skokie, Ill.

Smithkey is being held in Multnomah County Jail pending his arraignment here before U. S. Commissioner Claire Mundorf.

Hub Caps Stolen

Four flipper type chrome hub caps were stolen from the 1954 model sedan of Donald H. Bishoe, 700 Johnston St., Myrtle Creek, while the car was parked near SE Cass Ave. and Main St. Between 9:15 and 11:59 p.m. Wednesday Bishoe reported to Roseburg police.

Puppy In City Pound

Roseburg police took a brown puppy to the city pound Wednesday morning after Peggy Aumack, 1665 W. Ann St., reported the stray dog had been at her home for some time.

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Benson Teacher Gets Post At Joseph Lane Junior High

Hiring of a new vice principal at Joseph Lane Junior High School, rent-free use of the Central Junior High School auditorium for concerts and transfer of funds to pay for the current business survey were among items approved Wednesday night by the Roseburg School Board.

Given board approval as the next vice principal at the junior high was Ray Brown, sixth grade teacher and coach at Benson School.

Supt. M. C. Deller said several possibilities were screened and Brown was given the nod by a committee of administrators for his "natural abilities" in working with students at the junior high level.

The position will be open after the end of the school year upon resignation of Virgil Wolff, who will quit the post he has held for two years to return to school.

The board waived costs of Central auditorium rental for concert use by the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra "because of the nature of the activity." Some 20 Roseburg High School students are members of the orchestra and directors felt the activity qualifies as an educational function.

Activity Non-Profit

In making the decision, board members also noted the activity is a non-profit community enterprise, unlike other functions for which rental is required. The only stipulation in approval is that the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra Society

Red Cross Dinner To Draw Members

A Red Cross membership card will be given to every person who purchases a ticket for the benefit dinner Sunday, reports Judge Charles S. Woodrich, president of the Douglas County Red Cross chapter.

The dinner is being given by Riverside Grange as its Red Cross project, with all profits going to the chapter's \$11,000 emergency fund drive.

Mrs. Porter Laimhart, in charge of ticket distribution and sales, said reservations for the dinner will be taken until Friday morning. Tickets may be had from any Red Cross board member, or by telephoning the Red Cross chapter office, and they will be delivered upon request.

Dinner will be served from 1 to 5 p.m.

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