

Legislation Benefits Motorist

Activities of the recent session of the Oregon Legislature with regard to operation of motor vehicles are reported in the current issue of the Oregon Motorist.

The article tells of new regulations, of defeated proposals, and other factors of particular interest to motor vehicle owners.

The report from the Oregon Motorist is as follows:

The Oregon Legislative Assembly 1963 version, was — on the whole — good to highways and motoring.

In the field of highway bonding for special projects, opposed by the Oregon State Motor Association, the legislators turned thumbs down on several proposals which would have hiked the state's bond debt to astronomical heights.

In the field of driver education, the solons authorized a substantial increase in subsidy payments to schools offering approved driver education courses.

Bills were passed in the interests of highway safety including requiring cars to be equipped with seat belts, establishing standards for hydraulic brake fluids, making flight to elude an officer unlawful, setting up a vehicle equipment compact, permitting arrest for probable cause.

In other action, the solons apparently lobbied the proposals to make indicated speeds maximum limits, establishing the principle of implied consent to blood tests as a prerequisite for a driver's license, periodic motor vehicle inspection, examination of drivers every six years regardless of experience.

A bill to remove the present \$25,000 limit on judgments possible in traffic accident cases was defeated. Had the limits been removed, insurance officials predicted insurance rates would rise as higher jury verdicts became common, which has been the experience in other states.

The solons, by passing HB 1047, changed driving in Oregon from a "right" to a "privilege," and the same bill directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to cancel the license of anyone under 18 when the parents or guardian who signed the application for the minor's license requests that it be cancelled.

This bill also directs the superintendent of mental hospitals to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles when patients are dismissed who should not drive because of their mental condition.

SB 39, which establishes an interstate driver license compact, was passed. Under this law, states joining the compact will report convictions to each other, and the driver's home state then will take the same action that would have been taken had the driver been convicted in his home state on four violations: manslaughter as a result of an accident; driving while intoxicated or under the influence of narcotics; any felony in which a motor vehicle is used; and failure to stop and render aid in an accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another.

In the closing hours, the session did pass the bill requiring reflectorizing material on automobile license plates, but the original provision to charge the motorist a \$1 manufacturing fee was eliminated.

Bills that died in committee included HB 1123 which would have raised the driver license fee and required the applicant's photo in color on the license card; HB 1480 which would have lifted the financial responsibility minimums from the present \$5,000-\$10,000 for injury and death claims to \$10,000-\$20,000; HB 1794 which would have increased car registration from \$10 to \$15; and HB 1065 which would have permitted special occupational driver's licenses for persons who have their regular license revoked or suspended.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO June 15, 1923

Only 49 applications on the Coos Bay Waion Road grant lands and the O and C grant lands, recently thrown open to homestead entry by the government, had been received by the local land office. It was reported this morning by W. H. Canon, registrar, interest has been lacking in the opening and only a very few original applications have been submitted thus far.

25 YEARS AGO June 15, 1938

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace considered today a proposal that the government purchase 34,500 tons of surplus prunes to prevent a possible collapse on the 1938 crop. Officials of the federal Surplus Commodities Corp. called for the surplus removal before the harvest of the new crop, which, they said, would exceed 300,000 tons.

Kalama Crash Claims Pilot

KALAMA, Wash. (UPI)—A war surplus B713 single-engine plane crashed and burned 11 miles east of here Thursday, killing the pilot, Charles Bettinger, Portland.

Bettinger had taken off from Evergreen Airport east of Vancouver to search for a private plane missing since May 2 with four men aboard. A \$1,000 reward had been offered for finding the latter plane.

REPORTER LEAVES STORY

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—Fred Ormand, inmate-reporter for the Iowa State Penitentiary magazine, Thursday walked away from the prison farm when he had been temporarily assigned to gather information for a feature story.

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He Opened the Door



Successful Negro Has Responsibility



By ROBERT C. RUARK Adam Clayton Powell is not generally regarded these days as an oracle of either truth or reason, but I would be inclined to say that he made a point a while back when he said — oddly enough, when he was asking Malcolm X, the Black Muslim, to take over Washington, D.C., with its racial problems—the following words: "Even those Negroes who oc-

cupy high positions do not represent the Negro community." Powell is a congressman who is supposed to work in Washington, but preaches occasionally in New York while living in Puerto Rico when he is not junketing in Europe. He threatens the "worst race riot in the history of America unless two things happen. Truth Noted "First, that the social factors

which produce racial tensions are removed; and, secondly, unless the Negro community, particularly the upper and middle-class groups, rouses itself to a new involvement with its less fortunate, economically exploited and emotionally deprived black brethren." This was a nugget of truth in what was otherwise a racist recitation of statistics of crime, welfare, illiteracy, and unemployment, with a final threat to riot as a force for achievement.

But the nugget is there. The Negro who has risen to comfortable eminence through the mastery of some trade, skill, profession or talent does tend to hold himself aloof from the tenebrous mass of black immigrants to the cities. He is not pleased to include himself in a depressing statistic which, to quote Powell, lists the black man in Washington as providing "80 per cent of the illiteracy; 70 per cent of the illiteracy; and 90 per cent of the crime."

Ike Calls JFK Record 'Sorry'

HERSHEY, Pa. (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower said Thursday night that only a "cunningly manipulated veneer of imagery" hides President Kennedy's "sorry record."

Eisenhower said many persons are upset by the administration's "moonation and headlong retreat on matters of national survival and domestic well-being, on which were promised firm, unequivocal decision and action."

"The roll call—a long record of glowing promises and meagre deliveries—would include such campaigning catch phrases as 'missile gap,' 'stroke of the pen,' 'strong presidency,' 'get the country moving again,' and so on," he said.

The former President spoke at a dinner meeting of about 75 Republican leaders attending a two-day workshop sponsored by the National Republican Citizens Committee.

Besides heaping scorn on Kennedy, Eisenhower, still the nation's No. 1 Republican, stoutly defended the committee.

The committee itself was venturing into the field of policy-making at the risk of offending the congressional GOP bloc.

Eisenhower said the citizens organization was in business to "despite 'eyebrow' raising from Republican old timers who 'are allergic to citizen movements.'"

The committee began a two-day workshop session Thursday, meeting in three separate groups with some non-partisan advisers present. Eisenhower presided over a group dealing with "critical issues," while the others discussed big city political organization and ways of helping GOP nominees.

C. Wrede Petersmeyer, workshop chairman and New York broadcasting executive, told a combined session of the three groups that there would be no discussion of candidates. This was apparently another attempt to quell the belief among some Republicans that the committee was formed to make certain that Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona is not nominated for president.

Success Seeks Level

It is a human failing, the successful white farmer has never allied himself too closely to the troubles of the white sharecropper; the lace-curtain Irish contractor soon shuns the society of his cousin, the hod carrier; the Italian owner of the pizza factory may force the plight of his uncle, the organ grinder. Whether you move uptown or downtown, East Side or West Side, success seeks its own level.

This is doubly, triply true of the Negro who has been able to claw himself into a firm position in a society which has made a penalty sign, which produced the entire race-demeaning traffic of skin bleach and hair straightener. There is no longer a lonely triumph in moving closer and closer to the white man in terms of skin color and facial characteristics.

There can be no more of the intra-racial snobbery which made the light-skinned Negro a status sign, which produced the entire race-demeaning traffic of skin bleach and hair straightener. There is no longer a lonely triumph in moving closer and closer to the white man in terms of skin color and facial characteristics.

Responsibility Noted With the government going all out, finally, to emulate the Negro firmly in our society, the responsibility rests just as firmly on the successful Negro as on the white man. There can be no real interpenetration until the snobbish disparagements and the light-skinned Negroes man with the two-car garage realizes he is just as black as the brother who is standing in the need of attention from his own race.

This, although I am sure Adam Clayton Powell didn't mean it that way, does not mean the embracement of a hateromogram such as Malcolm X — or even Adam Clayton Powell, who is vastly more successful and equally as white-skinned as I am.

Interstate Toll Bridge Profit In May \$161,502

OLYMPIA, Wash. (UPI)—The Vancouver-Portland Interstate toll bridge had a net profit of \$161,502 during May in bringing its profit for the current fiscal year to \$285,037, the State Toll Bridge Authority reported Thursday.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



CIA's Secrecies Are Disconcerting

By DICK WEST WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Central Intelligence Agency maintains a security system that is so tight it would appear at times to be self-defeating.

The purpose of the system is to keep the CIA out of the public eye, and vice versa. The need for that is understandable.

But in its quest for anonymity the agency on occasions has gone to such extremes the effect has been to call attention to itself.

Some of these incidents have produced comic overtones, as in the old silent movies where the guy who is typetyping around steps on a piece of fly paper.

Most recently, the CIA made itself surreptitiously conspicuous by foiling a Senate page who was trying to deliver a letter from Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, to the agency director.

Long Interrogation Although the Senator's office had apprised the agency of the page's mission, he was upon arrival interrogated at length and

sent away with the letter undelivered.

I am not informed as to what the guards told the lad. "There ain't nobody here but us pen-guins and we're invisible" probably.

The things that I find most intriguing about the CIA's security system is the way its operating expenses are handled.

Funds for the agency are concealed somewhere in the massive federal budget, so that only a few persons know how much money it is spending.

I enjoy going through the budget and picking out items that I think might be used to mask a few bucks for the CIA. For instance, there is the Abaca fiber program.

According to the budget for fiscal 1964, this program is taking nothing out of the Treasury and is putting \$99,000 back in. That certainly looks suspicious. In fact, it's downright unbureaucratic.

No Such Thing My hunch is that there's really no such thing as Abaca fiber and that the money actually is going to the CIA.

On page 822 of the budget, \$408,000 is earmarked for payment of annuities to the widows of lighthouse keepers. That also looks fishy.

Are there really that many widows of lighthouse keepers still around? Or are some of the CIA agents in disguise?

A \$800,000 item for the U.S. Naval Academy's laundry service likewise would be a logical place to conceal a CIA appropriation. You can conceal almost anything in a Navy laundry bag.

Other budgetary items that caught my eye ostensibly covered such activities as "brush disposal" and the preservation of ancient Nubian monuments.

Offhand, \$9 million seems like an awful lot of money for the government to be spending to get rid of brushes. And, an ancient Nubian monument sounds to me like a perfect hangout for spies.

Reader Opinions

League Secretary Talks In Defense Of Legislature

To The Editor: The continued criticism of the legislature prompts me to speak up in its defense. As a private citizen and an official of a citizens' group, I worked closely with the legislature on a number of bills and resolutions. Of course I was disappointed that certain bills failed and that others passed. Nevertheless, I was impressed by the diligence, courtesy, and sincerity of most legislators. They put in long hours of work, starting early in the morning and often lasting into the night. They are subject to harassment, ridicule and intense political pressures. Yet they spend months away from home at an indispensable albeit thankless job. The average legislator is, in a word, unappreciated.

The legislature is criticized for not accomplishing much (despite their hard work) and for a great deal of wrangling and bickering. But is it the fault of the legislature that little was accomplished? The House is split with 31 Democrats and 29 Republicans. The Senate is dominated by an uneasy coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats. The executive and legislative branches are controlled by different parties. Both branches operate under an obsolete state constitution. Given these formidable handicaps it is a wonder that anything at all was accomplished.

It is also true that disharmony prevailed, particularly toward the end of the session. But this is not bad; it is good. It is a manifestation of conflicting convictions strongly held. Without such convictions they would indeed have a short, harmonious session. But it would be characterized by apathetic consent to every whim of every special interest and the state be left in a shambles.

If more people could have seen the legislature in action, particularly its tollsome committees, more would join in thanking the representatives and senators for a job done under difficult circumstances.

Janet McLennan, Executive Secretary, Bipartisan League To Re-instate Equal Representation 7101 S. E. 36th Ave. Portland, Ore.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sarton, who moved here from Alaska, have moved to Apt. 2 at 1014 SE Pine St. Sarton is employed by Pacific Plywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brooks and two daughters have moved to Roseburg from Carson City, Nev., and are residing at 365 NE Clover Lane. Brooks is employed by Cal-Pacific.

Delphine George, past president of the American Legion Auxiliary department of Oregon, will install officers of the American Legion Auxiliary of Umpqua Post Tuesday, June 18, at 8 p.m. at the home of Myrtle Baker, 1729 W. Harvard. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emert were in Eugene recently to attend commencement exercises at University of Oregon where their son, Mike, received his diploma of graduation. Mike starts to work in Salem in July. The Emerts then left for Spokane, Wash., to visit relatives before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marx returned Sunday to their home on W. Harvard Ave., following a vacation to California and other states. They were met in Colorado by their daughter, Beryl Ann, a registered nurse, who traveled with them on the trip. Miss Marx is employed as one of the supervisors at White Memorial Hospital in Las Angeles. They visited their other daughter, Jo Ann (Bobbe Jo), who is Mrs. Ralph Davis, and attended her husband's graduation from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Dr. and Mrs. Davis and children plan to move to McKinleyville, near Arcata, Calif., where he plans to establish his dental practice. Mrs. Davis is a registered nurse. Both she and her sister were students of Roseburg Junior Academy.



UNCLE AL'S STORY CORNER

by Alan Knudtson of KNUDTSONS' JEWELERS

At first, it sounded like distant gunfire mingled with the shouting of several people. But, as the sounds appeared to be coming nearer, Mary Langenberg stood up from her wild strawberry picking and called to her little brother Dan to listen. The shouts turned to whoops; and there was another sound — running horses, lots of them!

In the late 1870's, even in peaceful Douglas County, whoops like that put breath-catching fear into anyone. To a girl in her early teens and a boy only four, the whoop of Indians recreated fears instilled by bad dreams left over from long evenings of story telling by their elders—stories that recounted narrow escapes, battles, and terrible consequences of Indian encounters.

Before her brother reached her side, where she was standing under a large oak, the Indians broke over the hill, and the sound of whooping, shouting and the staccato hammering of horses' hooves doubled in intensity; there being no longer hill or even trees between them; save for the large oak.

"Get down!" cried Mary, and both children flattened out as flat as possible in the foot high grass behind the oak.

Down the hill, reeling on their horses, came the Indians in a blaze of color, with their bright shirts, waving red blankets over their heads, whooping and yelling, riding as fast as their frightened whipped mounts could carry them. The dust of the road boiled over the two youngsters as the twenty or so Indians clattered by; their horses' hooves so close that Mary always said she "could have touched them" if she "had wanted to." And she would add, "We were scared stiff, but we ran home as fast as we could go."

Mary was my grandmother. The berry picking grounds were on the present Catholic cemetery property. The Indians rode over Douglas Street hill, following the same road almost as it is today.

They were going home after a binge on firewater, "leaving town in proper style, probably intending harm to no one," grandmother always remarked after telling me this story, which was my favorite among the many stories that she told of the relatively early days in Roseburg.

Don't forget to give blood to the Bloodmobile, at the Elks Club Monday, June 17, between 1:00 and 5:00 or Tuesday, 4:00 to 8:00.

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