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Congressmen normally receive heavy mail but seldom if ever one piece either so large or heavy as the "Postcard" pictured above which was sent to Congressman Harris Ellsworth and the Oregon delegation by the Chamber of Commerce at Sweet Home, Oregon. The giant card is a four foot by eight foot sheet of Douglas fir plywood and contains a painting of the Green Peter dam on one side and the mailing address together with 1000 signatures on the other. Holding the postcard (l. to r.) are: Congressman Walter Norblad, Ray Boals, manager Eugene Water Board; Douglas Bradley, Jefferson; Max Landon, Sweet Home; Congressman Sam Coon and Ellsworth.

House Speaker Ed Geary Has High Praise for Lane Co. Legislators

SALEM — Lane County's five state representatives drew more than a few compliments from Speaker of the House Edward A. Geary today for their part in the 115-day session that adjourned in Salem May 4.

Lane's delegation is made up of Loran (Stub) Stewart of Cottage Grove, Earl Hill of Cushman, Ernest Schrenk of Creswell and Edwin E. Cone and V. Edwin Johnson of Eugene.

"I don't know how I would have gotten by this session without the help of Stub Stewart," Geary said with genuine feeling. "He chaired the green House Taxation committee like an old master and served with equal distinction on the House floor and as a member of the important Rules and Resolutions and State and Federal Affairs committees."

Geary said it would be "just as difficult to run a legislature without Earl Hill whose 15 sessions

at Salem form an enviable monument to the cause of public service." Hill was chairman of Commerce and Utilities and a member of Rules and Fish and Game. Geary noted that the water resources bills which originated in Commerce and Utilities "may contribute to the long-range welfare of the state to a greater degree than any other legislation enacted this year."

Geary described Cone as one of the most level-headed men on Ways and Means; "he was very conscientious of the serious financial problem facing the state and looked awfully hard at every expenditure item," the Klamath Falls leader declared.

Of the two other freshmen in the Lane delegation, Geary said that Schrenk and Johnson have been "consistently sound and realistic in their approaches to all legislation." It was his opinion that Schrenk a farmer himself, had rendered Oregon agriculture a substantial service and that Johnson—mayor of Eugene—had been "a top performer" on the Local Government and Education committees. Geary said he thought that the most noteworthy overall development of the session came in the realm of state finance.

"When we arrived here in January we were faced with an unprecedented deficit of more than \$60,000,000 for the next biennium," he said. "We had a choice between wrecking essential state services or increasing taxes for the first time since 1939. I am pleased that the legislature took the latter course. In meeting this challenge,

we also worked on many alternative programs, with the result that the attention of many citizens has been focussed on the seriousness of Oregon's revenue problem."

Governor Paul Patterson, in reviewing the session, declared, "Oregon is in the forefront among the nation's progressive. A cutback in necessary services would have reversed our trend toward sounder, more adequate state government. It was especially gratifying, therefore, that the legislature saw fit to follow my inaugural message recommendation against any damaging curtailment of essential activities."

The governor said of the legislature as a whole, "They have done their dedicated best for the people of Oregon."

Senate President Elmo E. Smith of John Day commented, "I consider my association with such an outstanding group the highlight of my career, regardless of what may happen in the future."

The ninety representatives and senators introduced 1302 bills and enacted 774. Both figures represent all-time records for an Oregon assembly, Geary said. A high percentage of the recommendations in the governor's January 10 inaugural message were followed. For example, a half-dozen of Patterson's suggestions on finance were incorporated into the tax program that was finally adopted. Its backbone is a \$41,200,000 income tax increase, and it also includes a 3-cent cigarette tax, good for about \$9,000,000.

The legislature went along with the governor's recommendations against enactment at this time of a retail sales tax and a 2-cent boost in the gasoline impost Geary noted. Lawmakers backed his appeal for realistic action on a building program for board of control and higher education institutions. Building appropriations of \$14,900,000 were the largest in many years.

The governor and, of course, many legislators considered the two water resources bills requested in the message, and passed by both houses, as important as any proposals dealt with in the 115-day meeting at Salem. The legislature also complied with Patterson's recommendations for creation of a separate motor vehicle department, establishment of Portland State as a four-year, degree-granting college, initiation of a tax and freight rate study by the Oregon Development commission, expansion of unemployment compensation coverage, with increased weekly benefits and employer rates—and passage of memorials to Congress aimed at accelerating new hydropower starts in the Pacific Northwest and maintaining construction schedules of the three big mainstem projects now abuilding.

Also included among the host of constructive bills given legislative approval were (1) a pilot compulsory meat-inspection program, (2) spacing and licensing regulations for billboards visible from highways, (3) increases in minimum teachers salaries, (4) outlawing of wire-tapping, except by court order, (5) subdistricting of Multnomah county for election of state representatives and referral of similar legislation for Marion county and (6) referral of a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to attach the emergency clause to tax bills.

Looking over the session's output, a Senate leader—Attorney Paul Geddes of Roseburg—predicted, "Later analyses of the work of this legislature will show that it went through a remarkably productive 115 days."

8400 People Find Jobs Last Month Despite Weather

Seasonal gains in employment were held back last month by cold and rainy weather but about 8,400 persons found jobs, according to reports from local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

An estimated 39,700 workers were seeking jobs May 1, as compared with 48,100 a month ago and 41,500 last year. While the gain from April was the smallest since 1948, more people now are at work than a year ago.

Only seven of the 26 local offices reported fewer jobseekers than in 1954 and two of these—Hillsboro and Portland—were in the metropolitan area. Eugene, Coos Bay, Astoria, Klamath Falls and Medford were other areas with improved conditions.

Weekly claims from workers insured under the unemployment law dropped nearly 6,000 during the month but were approximately the same as last year at this time. Initial claims—denoting a new layoff period—were more numerous than for any April since the end of the war.

Payments to insured workers were \$2,029,565, a decrease of 27 per cent from March and 16 per cent from April, 1954. The figures do not include \$42,566 paid to federal employees on a reimbursable basis and \$133,816 in supplementary payments to veterans of the Korean action. Neither of these amounts come from state funds.

A somewhat higher proportion of the workers drawing compensation are from lumbering and food processing than last year, but an improvement is noted in construction. Nearly 60 per cent of all payments go to those engaged in seasonal activities.

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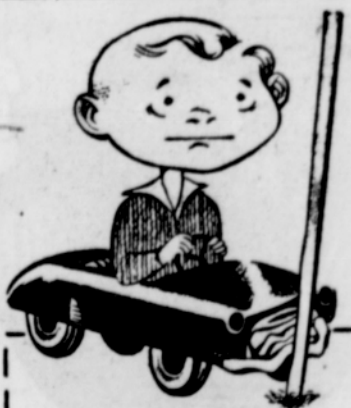
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